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Mauritanian pullout laid to losses of war

By Farouk Laqman

JEDDAH, Aug. 29 — Mauritania quit the Western Sahara conflict over the Western Sahara "because it was losing everything," — from the people to property — according to Mauritania Foreign Minister Ahmedou Ould

Abdullah. In an interview with Arab News Tuesday, Abdullah said his country's alliance with Morocco to combat the Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas was costing his state, "our independence, sovereignty and freedom to our neighbors."

Abdullah was visiting Saudi Arabia for talks with Foreign Minister Prince Saud, and was interviewed in his suite at a hotel here. He said Mauritania could no longer deal with its own internal problems after four years of war over the former Spanish Sahara, which Mauritania and Morocco jointly occupied when Spain withdrew in 1975.

Morocco was lucky enough to occupy the portion of the former territory which was rich in minerals — particularly phosphates — Abdullah said, but "we never had any part of the phosphate wealth."

"But we were dragged into a war we did not want," with the Polisario, which seeks independence for the entire territory.

He said the Aug. 5 agreement with the Polisario in Algiers by which Mauritania withdrew from the conflict was not aimed at undermining Morocco.

It was aimed "at securing our independence. That was our sole and main interest. All other interpretations are plain propaganda," Abdullah said.

"I insist that we did not quit to change former allies for new ones. There are no secret agreements, no clandestine military alliances with Algeria or the Polisario against Morocco," he said.

But in spite of this, he said, Moroccan troops entered the Mauritanian portion of the disputed territory a week after the Aug. 5 accord and annexed it to their section.

Mauritania's sole reason for withdrawing from the war was the giant toll it was taking in men and money from a small and underdeveloped state, Abdullah said. Hundreds of millions of dollars Mauritania could not afford were being spent, he said.

"And the fighting is getting heavier and heavier day after day," he added.

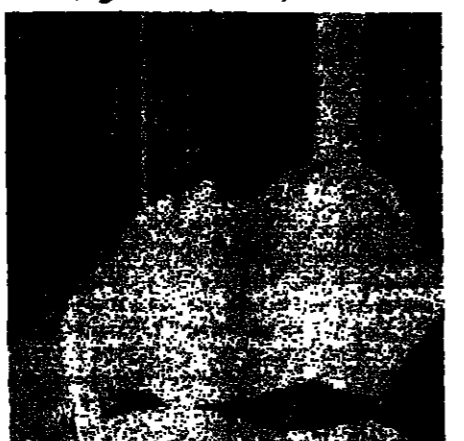
"However, we remain neutral and wish our neighbors would respect our neutrality. We cannot feel at peace unless peace prevails throughout the region," he said.

However, he indicated that since Morocco and Algeria are barely speaking to each other, he doesn't see any real prospect of peace for some time to come.

But he did in the interview stress his feeling that a reconciliation between the two North African neighbors is possible. "I don't see it right now. But it is possible," he said.

With this in mind he said he would like the Saudis to try and help the different parties come up with a peaceful settlement.

"They have always tried to help bring an end to this conflict and they could still do something in this direction," he said.



Foreign Minister Ahmedou Ould Abdullah

He said he was happy with the Saudi understanding of the Mauritanian position. "I am here to explain to them what happened," he said. "They have been helping us morally, materially and politically and we now seek their support for our neutrality."

Asked about official Arab reaction to his country's move he said most Arab states understood its position "and accepted our limited capacity for prolonged conflict."

After a meeting with Abdullah, Prince Saud said the Saudi government looked forward to a solution of the tension between Morocco and Algeria in order to prevent a confrontation involving the states of the region. Abdullah plans to leave Saudi Arabia Thursday.



IN TAIF: President Jafar Numeiri and King Khaled embrace each other in Taif Wednesday as the Sudanese leader arrived for talks.

Khaled holds talks in Taif with Numeiri

TAIF, Aug. 29 (Agencies) — King Khaled and Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri held talks here Wednesday on a number of issues of mutual concern, Numeiri's spokesman said.

The spokesman, Muhammad Mahjoub, did not elaborate on the talks, nor on the reasons for Numeiri's trip to the Kingdom he is to spend two days here.

But earlier reports from Khartoum said the Sudanese leader would be seeking economic help to cope with acute shortages of food and petroleum in his country.

Those shortages recently led to ten days of rioting by students in Khartoum and to a shakeup in the government, in which Numeiri replaced a number of high-ranking officials and promised to reform his country's sole political party.

W. Germany, Jordan, study M.E. solution

AMMAN, Aug. 29 (Agencies) — West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher and King Hussein of Jordan discussed ways of bringing peace to the Middle East Wednesday and agreed to keep in close touch on developments in the volatile region.

The king and Genscher had two and a half hours of talks, including a one hour tête à tête meeting, and delegation sources said both sides had stressed their intention to keep in close touch.

German sources quoted Genscher as saying the talks had been "substantive and intensive." The king had expressed his appreciation of West Germany's "realistic and positive" policy.

There was no indication, however, that the two sides had narrowed their differences over the role of the United States in the Middle East and the prospect of ending the Arab boycott of Egypt.

King Hussein has been critical of U.S. policy and sharply rejected the Camp David agreements which led to the separate Israeli-Egyptian peace pact last March.

Genscher's tour came against the background of Israeli fears that both the U.S. and Germany may be changing policy on the Middle East. But his talks in Damascus, Beirut and Amman have produced no sign that West Germany is about to make significant steps toward Arab positions.

Jordanian Prime Minister Mudar Badran Tuesday night echoed Arab frustrations with West Germany and its allies in the European community when he urged Bonn to translate words into action.

Informed sources said that in preparing Genscher's three-day visit to Jordan, the Jordanians had proposed to Bonn that the foreign minister visit a Palestinian refugee camp and the Allenby Bridge.

The bridge leads across the Jordan River into the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

The sources said Bonn apparently turned down the proposal because it feared it would lead to Israeli charges that Bonn was veering toward the Arabs in the Middle East dispute.

After visits to three capitals, there was no sign so far that Genscher had made progress in sealing the rift between Egypt and the rest of the Arab world caused by President Anwar Sadat's separate peace pact with Israel.

Bonn views Arab unity as an essential precondition for a comprehensive Middle East settlement.

Bomb explodes in Jerusalem

BEIRUT, Aug. 29 (R) — A Palestinian commando group Wednesday night claimed responsibility for a bomb explosion in Jerusalem saying several Israelis had been injured in the blast. The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) said in Beirut that the explosion also caused heavy damage.

Police in Jerusalem said earlier Wednesday that one man was injured and damage caused when the bomb went off in the Abu Tor quarter of the city.

Young urges self-restraint by Israel, PLO on Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 29 (Agencies) — U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young, presiding over a new Mideast debate in the U.N. Security Council Wednesday, called on Israel to stop raiding Lebanon and on the Palestine Liberation Organization to stop raiding Israel.

"I speak with the full authority of the United States government," Young said.

Young, council president this month, made the new appeal in his capacity of U.S. chief U.N. delegate, a post he has quit in a squabble over an unauthorized talk he had with the PLO. In a personal address to the Security Council last Friday, he recorded his own opinion that U.S. policy of avoiding contact with the PLO is "ridiculous."

The meeting, which Young called at the request of the Lebanese to discuss the shaky ceasefire in southern Lebanon was adjourned to 3 p.m. (1900) Thursday.

Young called the meeting after 24 minutes' private consultations with the other 14 council members on the request filed Tuesday night by Lebanese Ambassador Ghassan Tueni.

Lebanon, France, Israel, the United States and the PLO were listed to speak. Condemning attacks on Israeli civilians and the rocketing of Israeli towns and cities, Young said: "No political objective can ever justify such barbarism."

Equally condemning shelling and pre-emptive attacks on Lebanese towns, villages and refugee camps, he stated: "We cannot and do not agree with Israel's military policies in Lebanon, as manifested in the past few months. They are wrong and unacceptable to my government."

Calling on both sides to cooperate with the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), Young said: "Israel should end its policy of pre-emptive strikes on Lebanese soil."

He continued: "The Palestinian leadership should help heal the wounds of Lebanon. It should stop attacks on the Lebanese militia groups in Southern Lebanon and on Israel. It should renounce the use of Lebanese territory for this purpose."

Then, who opened the debate, said his



LIBYAN: Abdul Aziz al Thanyan, deputy foreign minister, receives his Libyan counterpart at Jeddah Airport upon arrival Wednesday.



Andrew Young

countrymen were apparently "doomed to be killed because Mr. (Menahem) Begin (the Israeli prime minister) wants to go on killing Palestinians before they in turn kill every Israeli citizen."

He said Lebanon was not asking for the adoption of a resolution. If another were to be considered, it should be one asking for sanctions against Israel.

France and Israel meanwhile, traded diplomatic punches Wednesday over a French rebuke of the Zionist state's raids against Palestinian targets in Lebanon.

A French government announcement that it supports appeal to the U.N. Security Council drew a sharp response from the Israeli embassy in Paris.

An Israeli statement expressed regret at France's policy which it claimed would encourage "a resumption of attacks by organizations sworn to destroy the very norms of civilization."

It accused France of confusing the victim and the attacker, and claimed 'Israel was exercising its right of self-defense by intervening in Lebanon.'

In Tel Aviv, Israel reacted sharply Wednesday night to a warning that countries with troops in the United Nations peacekeeping force in Southern Lebanon might withdraw them if the situation there continued to deteriorate.

An Israeli army command statement said

"All casualties suffered by U.N. forces, dead and wounded, resulted from attacks by Palestinian terrorists and not by fire from the militias commanded by Major Saad Haddad or Israeli defense forces."

Gen. Alexander Erskine, Ghanaian commander of UNIFIL, said earlier that the day would come when states participating in UNIFIL would say they had enough.

Israeli government officials expressed annoyance Wednesday night that Gen. Erskine had not identified the men who killed 10 U.N. soldiers and wounded 13 in the past 10 days.

Some Western military sources in Lebanon believe that recent Israeli-orchestrated bombardments of South Lebanon were motivated entirely by political considerations.

"We're not talking military," one of them said. "Whenever the Israelis begin losing diplomatically, the impulse is to start shooting. They're not killing many commandos, but they are making one hell of a noise."

U.S., Egypt sign accord

CAIRO, Aug. 29 (AP) — The United States and Egypt Wednesday signed agreements for loans and grants totalling \$ 336.7 million to finance six projects and programs. U.S. aid to Egypt is currently running at about one billion dollars a year as Washington seeks to shore up the economy.

Diplomatic sources say about two billion dollars in aid money allocated in previous years is backed up in the pipeline waiting to be spent. Funds not allocated in a given fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30, cannot be carried over to subsequent years.

Sources said this in part accounted for the flurry of agreements signed Wednesday. One allocation provides \$ 100 million to help build a power plant on the outskirts of Cairo.

Sixty million dollars are to go to improve the sewage system in Alexandria, \$ 80 million are earmarked to improve telecommunications, and \$ 85 million will finance import of commodities.

Kurds vow resistance

Bahrain not holding Iranian

BAHRAIN, Aug. 29 (R) — Bahrain Wednesday denied Iranian allegations that the local representative of unofficial head of state Ayatollah Khomeini, had been arrested.

"We have no official representative of Khomeini in Bahrain. There is an Iranian embassy and the new ambassador is due here shortly," government spokesman Jawad Salim Al-Urayyid said.

The president of Iran's council of constitutional experts, Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, had asked Bahrain to free Ayatollah Khomeini's representative, Seyyed Hadi Al Modarresi.

Modarresi was said to have been arrested during a pro-Palestinian demonstration in Bahrain on August 17.

But Urayyid said Modarresi left Bahrain of his own volition on Monday for Sharjah,

because his passport, issued by the Sharjah authorities, had expired 18 months ago and had not been renewed.

Meanwhile, in Iran, Kurdish insurgents Wednesday rejected a call to surrender from Ayatollah Khomeini and said they were determined to fight on.

A fragile unofficial truce between thousands of Kurdish guerrillas and a besieging army force was broken Tuesday night after Khomeini turned down a Kurdish peace bid.

The Ayatollah set stiff conditions Wednesday for ending the two week old Kurdish conflict on Iran's western border, insisting that all the insurgents should put down their arms.

Adopting the same hard line, the government said it was determined that the army should retake the rebel capital of Mahabad.

Arabs mapping strategy

Castro-Tito talks key to nonaligned success

HAVANA, Aug. 29 (R) — The success of the nonaligned conference Wednesday hinged on the summit talks between President Tito of Yugoslavia and Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

The first of several controversial questions — Cambodian representation — had already sparked a row at a preparatory meeting of ambassadors and experts Tuesday night.

They tossed the issue to the foreign ministers, who begin a three-day session Thursday before the heads of state or government meet on Monday.

Tito, a founding father of the nonaligned movement during the cold war, plans to personally press nonaligned leaders into maintaining independence from the big military blocs. Castro is seen pressing for a move closer to a pro-Moscow stand.

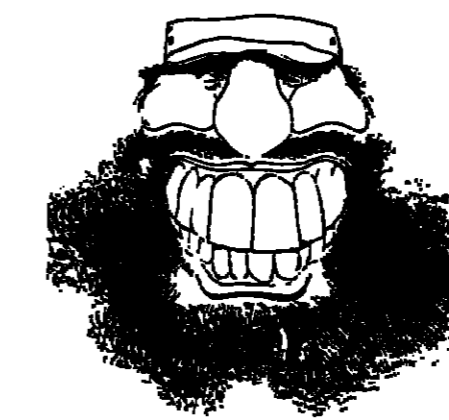
The 87-year-old Yugoslav was due to arrive in the Cuban capital late Wednesday and will meet Castro Thursday or Friday.

Talking to reporters, delegates from Yugoslavia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Morocco and other countries accused Cuba of sharp practice by effectively barring the Pol Pot regime recognized by the United Nations.

Cuba has withheld accreditation from both the ousted Pol Pot government and the Vietnam-backed administration of Ieng Samrin in Phnom Penh.

In Rabat, Moroccan Premier Maati Bouabid Tuesday accused Cuba of conducting a hostile press campaign against Morocco on the eve of the sixth summit.

In a message to Castro, Bouabid said Cuban television particularly used "insulting, uncivil and untrue" language to criticize Morocco's policy in the Western Sahara. He said Cuban behavior was contrary to



the principles of the nonaligned movement "which in order to survive must avoid dealing with marginal problems and bilateral conflicts."

Meanwhile Syrian President Hafez Assad will head his country's delegation to the summit, it was officially announced Tuesday. Assad will fly to Havana from the Libyan capital of Tripoli where he will attend the First of September revolution celebrations, the announcement added.

Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam left Damascus for Havana earlier in the day to take part in a meeting of the foreign ministers meeting that will prepare the agenda for the Monday summit.

In Beirut, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) announced Yasser Arafat will head the movement's delegation to the summit.

In Nicosia a leading Turkish-Cypriot official has suggested that the conference draw up a resolution emphasizing the equality of the two communities in the island, the Turkish News Agency (tak) said Wednesday.

It said the foreign minister of the self-proclaimed Turkish Federated State of Cyprus, Kenan Azakol, was responding to the statement by Cyprus Foreign Minister Nicos Rolandis that Cyprus would try to extract a resolution favorable to the Greek Cypriot majority.

Atakol also suggested that the nonaligned movement should try to persuade Greek-Cypriot leaders "to give up their periodic rhetorical appearances ... and come back to the negotiating table for serious and substantial talks," the agency said.

Turkish-Cypriots are not being represented at the forth-coming summit, while the Greek-Cypriot head of state and the foreign minister will be attending the conference.

Meanwhile, Egyptian Secretary of State Boutros Boutros Ghali, who will lead his country's delegation at the conference meeting, was drawing up Egypt's battle plans with his advisers.

Egypt has prepared a counter-resolution which opposes the Cuban draft declaration for the summit, not only in the section condemning the Israeli-Egyptian treaty, but on many other issues as well.

"Our counter-proposal does not only deal with the Middle East," Ghali said. "We have counter-proposals on most issues, on Africa, Latin America, the new economic policy."

He said he had discussed the counter-proposals with Indian leaders in New Delhi 10 days ago.

In West Bank territory Israel to begin four outposts

TEL AVIV, Aug. 29 (AP) — Israel will begin construction soon at four new settlements in the occupied West Bank, but the government says the work involves expansion of existing Jewish outposts.

The four new projects were approved Tuesday by a joint committee of government ministers and representatives of the World Zionist Organization (WZO). A WZO spokesman said Wednesday that families would move to the sites within six months.

The WZO, a semi-official agency responsible for Jewish settlement in occupied territories, reported that about 14,500 Israelis now live in 64 settlements in the West Bank, where one million Palestinians are slated to receive self-rule now being negotiated. The figure does not include about 50,000 Israelis living in portions of Jerusalem annexed after the 1967 war.

The new settlements approved were Karnei Shomron C and Karnei Shomron D, about 30 miles northwest of Jerusalem, and Reihan B and Reihan C, about 50 miles northwest of Jerusalem.

Two months ago the government began building Karnei Shomron B, on a hilltop about a mile from the original Karnei Shomron, but maintained the area was considered a single settlement. Officials said the same status applied to the new construction. The distribution is regarded as an attempt to ward off foreign and internal criticism that usually follows announcement of new Israeli settlements.

Settlement opponents contend that new West Bank settlements endanger negotiations for Palestinian autonomy, and the United States brands the outposts illegal and obstacles to peace.

During U.N. session

U.S. blacks will meet with PLO

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 — Leaders of the American black community are planning to hold a series of meetings next month with a high level PLO delegation due in New York for the opening of the U.N. General Assembly's fall session, informed sources said Wednesday.

The PLO delegation, headed by Farouk Kaddoumi, will arrive in New York Sept. 8, ten days before the General Assembly session is slated to open, the sources said.

Their early arrival will enable the PLO officials to meet with black leaders prior to the session. The meetings are expected to focus on improving black-Palestinian relations and the prospects for a comprehensive Middle East peace settlement.

It is not yet known which leaders of the black community will take part in the discussions. But several high-ranking black leaders

have privately expressed their willingness to meet with the PLO delegation.

The PLO team will be arriving in New York from Havana, Cuba, where they were to take part in the conference of nonaligned nations.

In addition to Kaddoumi, the delegation will include PLO spokesmen Abdul Muhsin Abu Maizar and Yasser Abed Rabbo, Beirut representative Shafiq al-Hout, Geneva representative Shafiq Armaleh, Brussels representative Naim Khadr, and Egypt representative Ahmad Sidqi Dajjani.

Sources here noted that the delegation includes a number of top PLO information and public relations specialists.

It is expected that the delegation will make a major effort to win the support of American public opinion during its stay in New York, the sources said.

It was not known whether PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat would attend the General Assembly session.

Palestinian sources said his coming would depend on the meetings the PLO leader plans to hold in Havana next week.

Some sources said the upcoming General Assembly session could prove to be quite important.

It is possible, they said, that several presidents of key nonaligned states may address the U.N. on the need to solve the Palestine problem.

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Last orders made in July

Non-alcoholic beer imports banned

By Timothy Sisley

JEDDAH, Aug. 29 — Saudi Arabia has banned the import of non-alcoholic beer and malt drinks imitating beer.

Mansour Abdul Ghaffar, the director of customs at Jeddah port, confirmed Wednesday that the Ministry of Finance and National Economy had ordered that consignments of the drink

ordered after 15 July are not to be permitted to enter the country.

He said, though, that no similar ban has been placed on other non-alcoholic imitations of alcoholic drinks.

It is understood elsewhere that importers and shops are to be permitted to sell the beer they have in stock in the Kingdom, which may amount to two months' supply.

It is believed that the ban arises from a feeling that drinking imitations beer is simply a substitute for

drinking alcoholic beer, and is thus a moral infringement of Islamic law.

Certain importers were sent a ministry circular some 10 days ago informing them of the prohibition. Those who had opened letters of credit for shipments brought them in freely, but other merchants who were importing stocks ordered before the date the order came into effect apparently had to have their orders authenticated in Riyadh.

It is not clear what will happen to orders made after July 15 and before the official letter was sent out.

There is a strong possibility that non-alcoholic wine will also be forbidden in the Kingdom before long.

No reliable figures are available on the amount of imitation beer consumed in Saudi Arabia, but the market is possibly as large as two million litres a month.

Importers tend to make large orders to stock up in time for the summer heat, so there are significant stocks in the country. Few further major shipments were expected to arrive for about two months, and it is also possible that importers who ordered the year's supply may be able to import for some while.

Exit permits valid 2 months

JEDDAH, Aug. 29 — The validity of exit and re-entry visas has been extended from one month to two.

Muhammad ibn Ghaith, Riyadh passports director, told Al-Jazira Wednesday that the move will enable people to obtain their visas earlier and travel in comfort.

Office bottlenecks and crowding, he said, were owing to people coming in for their visas later than the Passports Department had asked, causing confusion.

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CRASH: An accident Wednesday between an Oldsmobile and a bus outside Jeddah Towers on Crown Prince Fahd Street. The car driver was taken to hospital, the bus driver to jail.

Once bus firm established

City centers may be closed to cars

JEDDAH, Aug. 29 — Private cars may be prohibited from the centers of all cities in Saudi Arabia once the Saudi Public Transport Company's buses have fully established their services in each.

Sheikh Saleh Kamel, the head of Avco-Dallah and designated board member of SAPTCO, revealed the move to 'Al-Medina' Wednesday.

"We thank God," he said, "that this suggestion was made by members of the public. It is extremely important for the success of the project. If people do not feel that they can get where they want to go faster by bus than by car, why should they take the bus?"

The Traffic Department had

not only agreed to the idea, but had also supported it.

The first test of banning private cars from a city center will be made in Mecca around the Holy Haram during Pilgrimage this year.

The second most important point the company is considering is how best to compete with Saudi's artificially low fares on long-distance routes like that between Jeddah and Riyadh. Rest houses are essential, Sheikh Saleh said, and it will take time to coordinate a policy with Saudi and build them. So far the firm's buses are only running on the short distances between the cities of the Hejaz.

He added that the success of the firm depends on these factors:

— The firm's ability to provide a comprehensive and organized service in each area;

— The participation of writers and intellectuals in explaining the whole project's importance to the public, in showing how it solves the many problems of traffic jams, high taxi fares and the difficulty for a woman of travelling by taxi. The buses have special compartments for women, although the inner-city buses now running in Riyadh are not yet using them;

— The cooperation of the public in using what are essentially their buses.

Salman thanks Khaled, Fahd

JEDDAH, Aug. 29 (SPA) — Governor of Riyadh and Chairman of the Islamic Welfare Society Prince Salman Wednesday thanked King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd for their donations to the society for Eid Al-Fitr.

He also thanked donors and said the door was still open for those who wish to give.

Prince Salman said the fifteenth list of donations, given through the Medina Philanthropic Society, amounted to SR153,100, bringing the total donation received so far to SR254,763,100.

It has received SR50,000 from Saleh Muhammad Al-Zumari, SR30,000 from Sheikh Saad Al-Nasir Al-Sudairi, SR10,000 from Sheikh Abdul Rahim Mubarak Uwadiah, SR10,000 from Sheikh Abdul Aziz Ahmad Sab, SR10,000 from Sheikh Saman Hamza Bakhit, SR5,000 from Hamza Ajjal Al-Hazim, SR10,000 from Muhammad Ali Ali Atallah, SR10,000 from Dr. Nasir ibn Khasogi, SR10,000 from Sheikh Muhammad Ali Yassin, SR10,000 from Sheikh Said Ajmad Bafil, and SR400 anonymously.

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JEDDAH, Aug. 29 — Seventy five bureau and branches of the General Organization for Social Insurance will issue Saturday SR1,200 million to beneficiaries.

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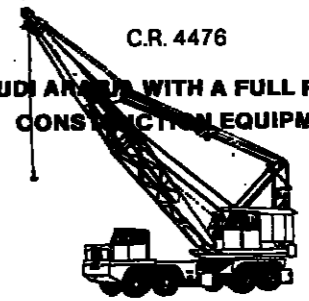
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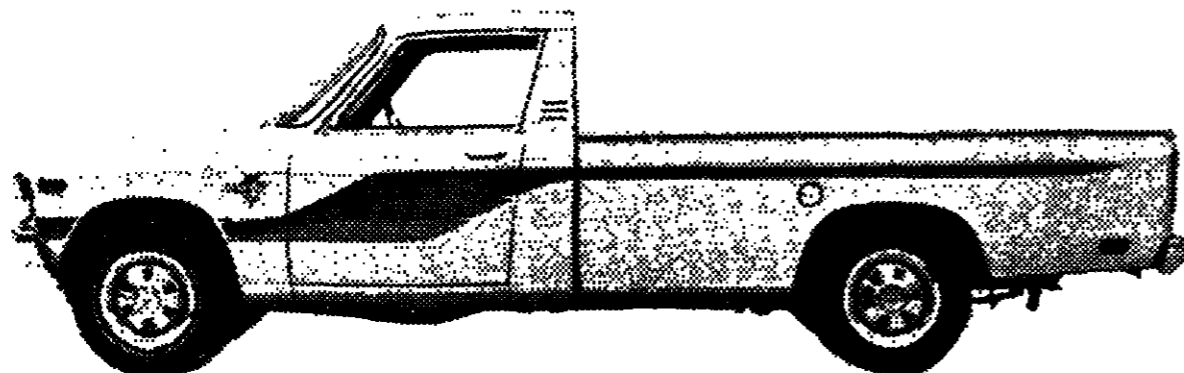
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Canadian envoy plans no meeting with PLO

OTTAWA, Aug. 29 (AP) — Robert Stanfield has no plans to meet the Palestine Liberation Organization during his fact-finding mission to the Middle East, a spokesman for the former Progressive Conservative leader said.

The spokesman would not say whether a meeting with the PLO has been ruled out or whether a meeting has just not yet been considered.

Canadian Arab Federation representatives told Stanfield last week that he must speak to the PLO if he wants to hear all points of view on the government's proposal to move the Canadian embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Federation President Khaled Mouammar said Stanfield indicated then he had not yet decided who he would be meeting.

Stanfield is to leave in mid-September but has said his itinerary is incomplete and has released no details of the trip.

The spokesman said Stanfield has "entered into contacts with governments" to arrange for the tour. "But he has made no plans to visit the PLO."

Mouammar said Stanfield's tour would not be complete without a meeting with the PLO because the Palestinian people are at the root of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the PLO is their only representative.

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Swiss reject PLO request to extradite alleged killer

BERNE, Aug. 29 (R) — Switzerland has rejected a request by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) for the extradition of 22-year-old Lebanese Mohsen Jaroudi, arrested in Geneva last week on suspicion of taking part in the assassination of a top PLO official, a government spokesman said.

The Swiss foreign Ministry and the justice and police ministry said they turned down the demand because Swiss law permits extradition only to another state, and the PLO was not a state. The ministers also refused to allow a PLO official to examine a dossier of documents on Jaroudi's arrest, the spokesman said Tuesday.

Swiss police arrested Jaroudi last Aug. 21 at the request of French authorities on suspicion that he was involved in the shooting of Zuhair Mohsen, PLO chief of military operations, in the French Riviera town of Cannes last July 25.

Jaroudi denied taking part in the killing when questioned by a Geneva investigating magistrate, but is being held pending a formal French request for his extradition.

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Federation President Khaled Mouammar said Stanfield indicated then he had not yet decided who he would be meeting.

Stanfield is to leave in mid-September but has said his itinerary is incomplete and has released no details of the trip.

The spokesman said Stanfield has "entered into contacts with governments" to arrange for the tour. "But he has made no plans to visit the PLO."

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Swiss reject PLO request to extradite alleged killer

BERNE, Aug. 29 (R) — Switzerland has rejected a request by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) for the extradition of 22-year-old Lebanese Mohsen Jaroudi, arrested in Geneva last week on suspicion of taking part in the assassination of a top PLO official, a government spokesman said.

The Swiss foreign Ministry and the justice and police ministry said they turned down the demand because Swiss law permits extradition only to another state, and the PLO was not a state. The ministers also refused to allow a PLO official to examine a dossier of documents on Jaroudi's arrest, the spokesman said Tuesday.

Swiss police arrested Jaroudi last Aug. 21 at the request of French authorities on suspicion that he was involved in the shooting of Zuhair Mohsen, PLO chief of military operations, in the French Riviera town of Cannes last July 25.

Jaroudi denied taking part in the killing when questioned by a Geneva investigating magistrate, but is being held pending a formal French request for his extradition.

U.S. honors staff chief of Egyptian armed forces

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (AP) — Lt. Gen. Ahmad Badawi Sayid Ahmad, Egyptian armed forces chief of staff, received full military honors and a U.S. Legion of Merit medal Tuesday during a visit to Gen. David C. Jones, U.S. chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Defense Department said that Gen. Badawi was making courtesy calls on Jones and chiefs of each of the U.S. armed services as part of a tour of U.S. military installations.

Officials said the two top military officers of the United States and Egypt would "review the progress of programs already underway" such as training of Egyptian pilots and crews for destroyers the United States will supply Egypt.

"They are not going to break new ground," one official said, indicating it was unlikely the generals would discuss any additional U.S. military aid beyond what already has been approved.

Badawi was cited for the Legion of Merit for demonstrating "a sincere and kindred bond of friendship toward the United States armed forces."

The Egyptian staff chief arrived in the United States Monday to begin a 12-day visit to a variety of army, navy and air force installations before leaving for home Sept. 7.

Defense Department spokesman Thomas Lambert said at a briefing that the Badawi-Jones meetings will not deal in anyway with the "revitalization" of Egyptian defense industry.

Lambert said his program is being handled through other channels, indicating that Defense Secretary David McGiffert is in charge. McGiffert has recently visited Egypt with a team of specialists.

Israeli guns down two brothers

NETHERLANDS, Israel, Aug. 29 (R) — An Israeli Wednesday killed two brothers in what police believe was a gang-land feud between criminals suspected of drug trafficking. A burst of submachine gun fire from close range killed Baber Amir and his brother Dada Amir as they parked an open jeep in the courtyard of their home.

Baber was arrested by the French police about a year ago, when he was injured in a gun battle between criminals in Paris. The brothers both had criminal records.

Israeli police have asked the French police for a possible lead to the identity of the killer.

Over alleged commando U.S. gets PLO protest

BEIRUT, Aug. 29 (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) has protested to the U.S. embassy in Beirut against the arrest by the U.S. police of an alleged commando wanted by Israel.

The PLO-run Palestine news agency Wafa identified the man as Elad Muhammad Abu el-Ein, a Palestinian carrying a Jordanian passport.

The agency said the U.S. police "arrested el-Ein in collaboration with the Israeli intelligence and then referred him to a tribunal for trial." Al Ein was arrested in Chicago last week.

The report, said el-Ein obtained visa to enter the U.S. from the American embassy in Amman, last June after leaving the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan River.

Meir Kahane sent to jail

TEL AVIV, Aug. 29 (R) — A military court jailed Meir Kahane, head of the American-based extremist Jewish Defense League, for three months Tuesday.

He was accused of entering the occupied West Bank in defiance of an order forbidding him to do so.

The presiding judge, Lt. Col. Zaacov Or, sentenced Kahane to 12 months in jail, of which nine months are suspended on condition he does not again contravene the military authorities' order preventing him from entering the territory.

The judge said "I know that Kahane acted out of conviction."

Former cabinet ministers to appear in Cairo court

CAIRO, Aug. 29 (AP) — Two former cabinet ministers will appear before a criminal court next October on charges of negligence in a case involving purchase of four Boeing 707s for Egypt in 1972, Cairo newspapers reported Wednesday.

The case of former Economy Minister Muhammad Abdullah Marzaban and former Aviation Minister Ahmed Nohh and three top officials of the national flag carrier has been under investigation for the past three years.

The accused were indicted and referred to a criminal court last November but the court had ruled it was incompetent.

Jordan's prince on visit to U.K.

LONDON, Aug. 29 (R) — Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan is paying a private visit to London, British officials said. British Deputy Foreign Minister Sir Ian Gilmour will call on the crown prince for a general Middle East discussion before his 10-day visit concludes towards the end of this week.

The PLO's Political Department sent a memo to the U.S. embassy in Beirut demanding the release of el-Ein whose arrest "constitutes serious violations to human rights and international law," the report said.

The Political Department told the U.S. embassy in its memo that el-Ein "did not violate any U.S. laws to justify his arrest by the U.S. authorities."

The agency said the PLO sent similar messages to the Geneva-based International Red Cross Committee and the United Nations Human Rights Committee.

Kahane has appealed to the supreme court with a petition claiming the military court was not competent to try him. He will go to prison only after the supreme court has ruled on the appeal, expected in about a month.

Kahane and his supporters have agitated violently for Israeli annexation of the occupied areas. After Tuesday's court proceedings his followers said they would continue to demonstrate in Hebron and Nablus, the main towns on the West Bank, if their leader was imprisoned.

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The Court of Cassation reversed the judgement and referred them to another criminal court next October, according to newspaper accounts.

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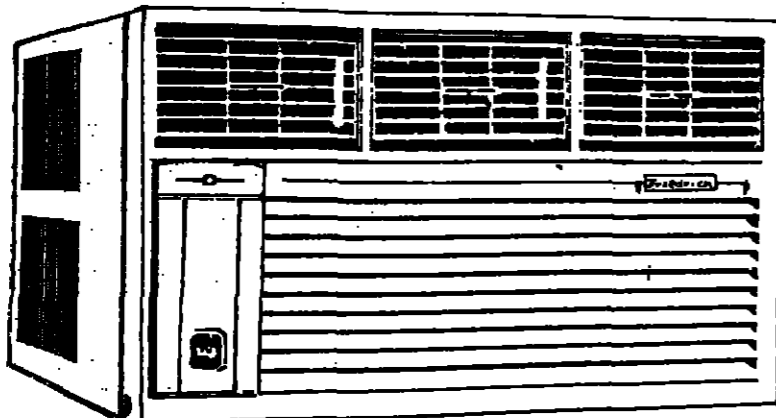
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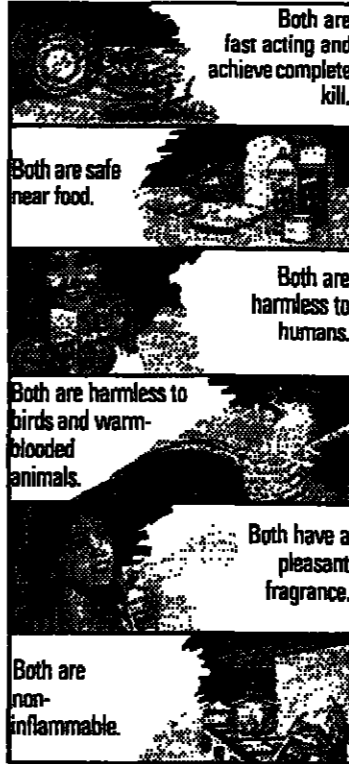


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Arabs walk out before Israeli addresses parley

VIENNA, Aug. 29 (Agencies) — About 40 delegations, from Arab and Third World nations, walked out of the U.N. Conference on Science and Technology for Development Wednesday when a representative of Israel took the floor to deliver a statement.

The Israeli representative was Mordecai Kidron, Israel's ambassador to Sweden.

An Israeli delegation spokesman commented about the walk-out "it has happened before and will probably again."

Earlier Tuesday Saudi Arabia, told the conference that it supported the aims of the "Group of 77."

Afar forces inflict losses on Ethiopians

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Aug. 29 — Heavy fighting which began on Aug. 26 is continuing between Afar Liberation Front forces and Ethiopian government forces, according to a Front spokesman in Jeddah Wednesday.

He said the fighting "is taking place 25 kilometers southeast of Assaita, the capital of Afar, west of Djibouti."

The spokesman added that the front forces have destroyed three

Rida Obaid, chairman of the Saudi Science and Technology Council, said his government appreciated the difficulties posed by the energy crisis.

It had increased Saudi production and moved to hold down prices, despite the damage these measures would cause to its own economy.

For the longer term, the Saudi official suggested that the best solution would be to use science and technology to exploit solar energy.

Saudi Arabia was building a pilot solar village, Obaid said.

Soviet-made T-62 tanks, and six troop carrier trucks.

He added that the Ethiopian forces suffered over 300 casualties in the hit-and-run fighting.

The spokesman said a large quantity of arms and ammunition has been captured by the ALF, while the front lost six men killed and nine injured.

The ALF, led by Sultan Ali Mrah, has been fighting the Ethiopian forces in the Afar territory for over four years to gain independence.

For peaceful purposes

Pakistan determined on nuclear technology

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 29 (AP) — Pakistan is determined to acquire atomic energy for peaceful purposes, President Mohammad Zia ul Haq said.

Zia, who has denied Western allegations that Islamabad is trying to build an atomic bomb, told an international seminar, "Pakistan has resolved to acquire atomic energy for peaceful purposes, and God willing, we will be able to get it despite all the obstacles."

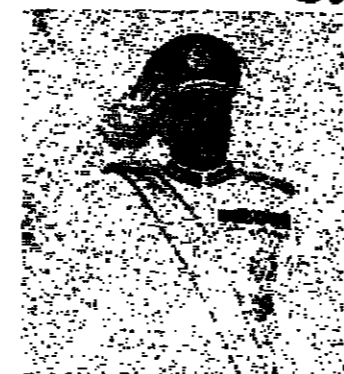
"Pakistan's circumstances require it to acquire nuclear technology before its conventional resources of energy dry up. Otherwise, its growth will be seriously affected," he said.

Addressing the seminar Tuesday on strategies for planning and development at Lahore, 288 kilometers southeast of here, Zia said that "it is the basic right of all peoples in this world, whether they live in the north or south, or belong to Western societies, or Eastern regions of the world, to acquire modern technology for their economic progress."

In another development police have arrested six members of the executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's Pakistan People Party (PPP) for allegedly planning large scale sabotage and political murders.

The arrests were made at Peshawar, 100 kilometers northwest of here.

The police also said they have recovered bombs, hand grenades, pistols, rifles, dynamite, and other



Zia-ul-Haq

material which was to be used in the acts of sabotage.

Police charged that the sabotage was planned by Raja Anwar, a former official of the Bhutto administration, who is currently living in Kabul, Afghanistan. Officials said the planned sabotage was linked to the scheduled Nov. 17 national elections.

Bhutto was executed April 4 on a conspiracy-murder charge, and some of his followers have threatened to take revenge against President Gen. Muhammad Zia ul Haq's government.

In Rawalpindi, retired Gen. Tikka Khan, additional secretary general of the PPP and a former minister for national security in Bhutto's cabinet, said "it appears that the present government is hatching a conspiracy to ban the PPP so that it can bar it from taking part in the national elections."

Works on memoirs

Shah leads 'normal' life in Mexico

MEXICO, CITY, Aug. 29 (AP) — The deposed Shah of Iran is basically "vacationing" under heavy security in a posh Spanish-style villa in Cuernavaca, an aide says.

"He's a classic tourist. He enjoys museums and is fascinated by the Aztec culture," said Frank Morse, an aide and spokesman for the Shah. In short, his life is as normal as possible.

"But he continues to be disturbed about what is happening in his country. He remains loyal and patriotic," said Morse. The Shah himself shuns reporters and has held only one brief news conference shortly after he arrived in Mexico.

But far from living in isolation, the Iranian imperial family visits with friends in Cuernavaca and other parts of the country, goes sightseeing and occasionally night-clubbing and receives visitors, including former U.S. President Richard Nixon and Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger. Morse declined to name any of the Shah's other friends.

"The phone rings off the hook," Morse said. "We have received thousands of letters from all over the world since we've been in Mexico and I don't think we've received one negative letter."

An Iranian revolutionary court has sentenced the deposed monarch to death. But despite unsubstantiated claims from Tehran of at least two attempts on the Shah's life, which his security people denied and called "ridiculous" and "untrue," the Shah and his family lead a quiet life.

"We've gotten several offers from Americans saying that if he needs a place to stay they have property available," Morse added. But he said the Shah and his family plan to stay in Mexico for the foreseeable future.

The Shah, Empress Farah and their four children arrived in Mexico on June 10 on a three-month tourist visa, which Kissinger and another old friend, Chase Manhattan Bank Chairman David Rockefeller, helped them obtain.

The visas are renewable, and eventually could be quietly exchanged for distinguished visitor permits.

The Shah left Iran Jan. 16 after a year of opposition led to the overthrow of his government and the establishment of an Islamic revolutionary government by Ayatollah Khomeini. The monarch and his family made stops in Egypt, Morocco and the Bahamas before coming to Mexico.

They originally planned to go live in the United States, but President Jimmy Carter's administration had let them know they would not be welcome there.

Another aide said: "The Shah leads a very quiet, relaxed lifestyle."



The Shah

He reads, trying to keep up with the situation in his country. He's also working on his memoirs.

He said the Shah plays tennis and golf and "he's in good shape, thin and tan." The enormous villa sitting on a three-acre estate, named "La Quinta Dos Rios" (Two River Villa), is surrounded by high Bougainvillea-covered walls and includes a large swimming pool. Adjoining it and divided by a small mountain stream is the golf club Los Tabachines, one of Mexico's most exclusive.

Cuernavaca, a city of 220,000 in a series of small valleys, is a quiet resort favored by wealthy foreigners as a place for seclusion, especially by retired Americans because of its balmy year-round weather. It is also only 80 kilometers south of the Mexican capital, an hour's drive.

The estate belongs to the widow of a wealthy Mexican architect, and used to rent last year for approximately \$13,500 a month, according to local residents, but this could not be confirmed. What the Shah pays for rent has also not been disclosed.

Since moving to Cuernavaca, the Shah and Empress Farah have made trips to the silver-smithing center of Taxco, 179 kilometers south, to the southern state of Oaxaca and "Occasional trips to Mexico City to go shopping or visit friends," said Morse.

Security is very tight and they all travel as anonymously as possible.

10 rebels killed in S. Philippines

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines, Aug. 29 (R) — Eleven soldiers and 10 Muslim rebels were killed and six soldiers were wounded in a clash in remote Patikul district in the southern Philippines, military sources said Wednesday. The sources said the troops were conducting a clearing operation Tuesday when they encountered 50 rebels. The deaths bring to a 76 the number of soldiers and rebels killed in clashes in three weeks in the far south, where the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) is continuing its seven-year-long rebellion.

200 N. Yemenis to study in U.S.

SANAA, Aug. 29 (R) — About 200 North Yemeni university graduates will study in the United States during the next seven years under an agreement signed in Sanaa Tuesday. The agreement, signed between the North Yemeni government and the U.S. Agency for International Development, also provides for the training of 12 primary school teachers.

Mintoff to pay visit to Abu Dhabi

ABU DHABI, Aug. 29 (R) — Maltese Prime Minister Dom Mintoff will pay a two-day visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) next month, the official emirates news agency Wam said Wednesday. Mintoff will arrive in Abu Dhabi on Sept. 6, the agency said.

Kuwaiti census planned in Feb.

KUWAIT, Aug. 29 (R) — Planning Minister Muhammad al Adasani said Kuwait would hold a census next February, and he expected a 45 per cent increase in population to 1.4 million since the 1975 census.

Cyprus cabinet shuffle delayed

NICOSIA, Aug. 29 (R) — Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou has postponed a government reshuffle planned for this week, the Cyprus News Agency reported. According to the agency, President Kyprianou said in a statement that, for the sake of Cypriot unity, the reshuffle would be postponed until after a proposed debate on Cyprus by the United Nations General Assembly.

Dacca has worst road accident

DACCA, Aug. 29 (AP) — Three persons were killed and 14 others injured when a passenger bus collided head-on with a loaded truck in the city Wednesday, police said. After the collision the passenger bus turned upside down resulting in the death of three passengers instantly. The injured were rushed to a hospital, police said. The accident was described as one of the worst in the city in the past two years.

Sicilian boat taken to Tunisia

MAZARA DEL VALLO, Sicily, Aug. 29 (AP) — A Sicilian fishing boat was intercepted by a Tunisian patrol boat and taken under town in the latest incident in a "fishing war" between Italy and Tunisia, according to radio reports monitored here. The reports said the *Vivianella Asaro* with a 12-man crew was taken to a Tunisian port despite the intervention of an Italian coast guard launch. The Sicilian vessel claimed it was fishing in international waters.

Lebanese defense body holds meeting

BEIRUT, Aug. 29 (SPA) — The Parliamentary Defense Committee has recommended closer coordination amongst the military forces, the Lebanese army and the internal security forces and the Arab Deterrent Force ADF.

The council urged the Interior Ministry to improve internal security and, if necessary, to seek the assistance of the army and the ADF. It recommended the elimination of road blocks except those considered necessary for security and the concentration of United Nations forces in certain areas so that they may be able to intervene effectively.

It renewed its appeal to armed elements in the country to maintain a low profile and refrain from displaying their arms in public.

Dubai denies sabotage case in oil tanker


DUBAI, Aug. 29 (AP) — A Dubai security official has denied that sabotage was involved in the fire that gutted the Greek oil tanker *Patrianna* on.

Meanwhile, the Liberian-registered tanker was reported sinking slowly while fire continued to rage in its holds.

The tanker caught fire Sunday 10 miles from Dubai's port Rashid while on her way from Das Island, the UAE's oil operations center in the Gulf, to Aden.

The official UAE news agency quoted Dubai police deputy commander, Lt. Col. Nasser al-Sayyed as saying investigation revealed the fire was sparked when welders started fixing a leaking water pipe.

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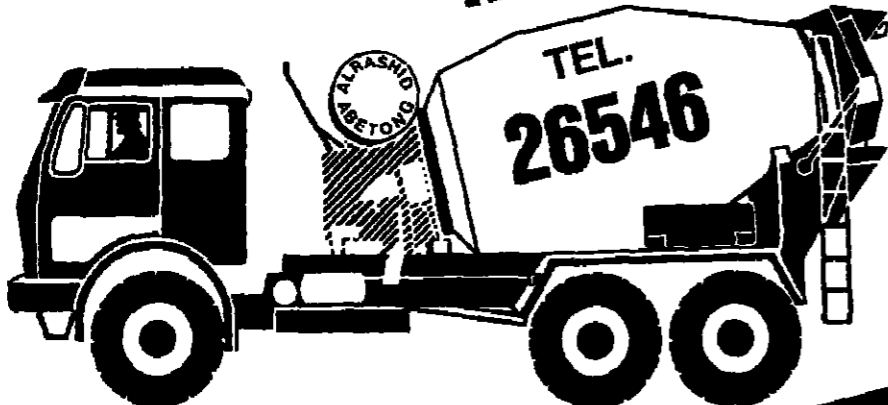
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New rulers don't resent criticism

Press enjoys freedom in Managua

MANAGUA, Aug. 29 (AP) — Nicaragua's independent newspapers are using the country's freedom of the press to criticize the government and ask it to correct some of the revolution's shortcomings.

Although the freedom has not resulted in harsh criticism, political observers and sources in the diplomatic community say it is a positive indication of the government's willingness to allow the news media freedom.

"I have never felt this calm and without fear in publishing our newspaper," said Javier Chamorro, the managing editor of *La Prensa*. "We have been publishing our newspaper without any coercion, without any pressure from the government and with full and complete freedom."

The government of national reconstruction promised that freedom of the press would be a cornerstone of the revolution. After a 30-day emergency after the fall of President Anastasio Somoza July 17, it allowed independent newspapers and publica-

tions to begin operations.

The government and the Sandinista National Liberation Front maintain three official mouthpieces.

El Pueblo, a far left-wing newspaper, has issued some of the sharpest criticism. It condemned a government move to ban 500 and 1,000 Cordoba Bank notes because it affected many people who were not involved with Somoza. It ran a headline that read: "The people are furious."

La Prensa has been publishing a mixture of criticism and articles on the fall of Somoza, calling him "robber, dictator and genocidalist," and referring to the "glorious triumphs" of the Sandinistas.

The paper's criticism has been consistent but always in a constructive tone. In one editorial entitled "Three Problems," the publisher criticized the government's immigration policy as too restrictive, pointed out that continued roadblocks in many areas disrupt traffic and condemned the high absenteeism in the labor force.

The newspaper has given prominent front-page play to several mysterious killings and headlined one story about the murder of a prominent businessman, Herman Vogel, as "a crime that must be solved."

It also displayed full reprints of letters from people complaining about illegal takeovers of their property by militias or Sandinistas.

"We are maintaining an independent, democratic and politically pluralistic position while continuing to give critical support to the government," Chamorro said. He said there has not been one "instance of censorship" imposed by the government.

Chamorro called the government's press law "just" and said journalists had been instrumental in drawing it up. "I made two or three suggestions and they were written in without question," he said.

The law says freedom of information "is one of the fundamental principles of an authentic democracy" and called on the media to

disseminate the truth.

Violators of the ban can be charged by the government or "any citizen who feels offended." The law then stipulates the case goes to a civil court where the accused can defend his case, but if found guilty he is subject to a fine determined by the court or imprisonment of not less than six months and not more than three years.

The law says the news media must "take precautions to defend the gains of the revolution," and although there is no direct reference to any Somoza publications, the government has decreed it will not tolerate anyone or anything that glorifies Somoza or brings back "Somozismo."

It is unlikely any Somoza-owned or Somoza-supporting publication would be allowed to print in Nicaragua or that they would have a large audience.

Chamorro said *La Prensa*, one of the strongest anti-Somoza voices in the country before the revolution, supports the revolution but will continue to keep a close watch on the government and its programs and offer criticism. Some ten radio stations are back on the air with news programs. Under Somoza, "black code" was in effect prohibiting the broadcast of any news "detrimental to the public order."

The black code called for fines of between \$ 5,000 and \$ 10,000 and the possible shutdown of the radio station.



PROTEST: Angry citizens in Managua display 500 and 1,000 cordoba bills recently as they protest a government decree to deposit their largest denomination bills in banks in a move to reduce the cash holdings of Somoza sympathizers. The Nicaraguan press has criticized this move on the grounds that it affected other people too. The government seems to tolerate criticism from the press which enjoys a large measure of freedom.

Peking squatters' lot is misery

PEKING, Aug. 29 (AP) — More than a thousand angry, frustrated and desolate people are camped here in a tent shanty town, awaiting help that doesn't come. Their complaint: no jobs.

The squatters from near and far are known on the streets as the "masses of Sanfeng," meaning those who visit the heights. They used to be miners, factory workers and builders. Now they are migrants and street people.

Their woes are personal, not ideological. The tales they tell are often vague and disjointed, frequently incredible. Some show

petitions, yellowed with age.

In a society where there are millions unemployed, these people are out of place, fallen through the cracks.

For days and months they have inhabited shacks made of woven twigs, bricks and plastic sheets. They scavenge food from restaurant garbage pails and struggle to survive by crocheting and selling tea-jar holders from colorful plastic thread.

Their clothes are worse than threadbare, their stomachs less than full. Many children go barefoot. Some have bandaged

injuries.

The camp stretches along a busy street and at a government reception center which is supposed to hear complaints of visitors from the provinces.

On Aug. 8 and 9, hundreds of the shanty-town's bolder inhabitants camped on the doorstep of the government and central committee on broad Chang'an Avenue, Peking's main thoroughfare.

Many wandered back to their tent city at night to cook their meals on the sidewalks.

Peking lashes at Vietnam on Laos

TOKYO, Aug. 29 (AP) — The despotism of Vietnam are the root cause behind the more than 200,000 Lao people who have fled their country since the liberation in 1975, China's official Xinhua news agency charges.

Xinhua Tuesday said that the mass exodus from Laos into Thailand has resulted from the "special relationship" between Laos and Vietnam in which Hanoi occupied Laos, suppressed its minority nationalities and forced its people into unsettled frontier areas.

"In the difficult days of war against U.S. aggression, few Laos people left their country," Xinhua said.

But since the Communist takeover 40,000 to 50,000 Vietnamese troops have occupied the country, collecting large quantities of grain and other materials from peasants and driving many out of their homes to make way for the 100,000 Vietnamese immigrants. Xinhua also accused Vietnam of conscripting Laotians of between 15 and 45 years old into the army, killing hundreds for opposing Vietnamese rule, and extorting money from those who wish to leave the country.

It said that several hundred dollars paid to officials in Vietnam would insure safe passage across the Mekong River.

New S. America political force gathers weight in Andean group

LIMA, Peru Aug. 29 (AP) — The five countries in the Andean group common market have taken their first tentative steps toward creating a new political bloc of major significance in South America.

The Andean group was created 10 years ago to encourage economic cooperation between Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.

The result has been a less-than-perfect, but functioning, common market which assigns areas of production to each country and establishes special tariffs and other advantages to encourage regional economic integration.

The first significant move into the political arena came this year shortly before the fall of President

Anastasio Somoza in Nicaragua.

The group held a summit which resulted in an agreement to deal as a bloc with the Somoza government and the Sandinista guerrillas.

The five members sent special envoys to Nicaragua in an unsuccessful attempt to moderate a peaceful solution to the civil war.

When that failed, the group acted jointly in urging Somoza to resign.

The Andean group also played a key role in blocking a U.S. proposal, made at a meeting of foreign ministers of the Organization of American States, that a peacekeeping force be sent to Nicaragua.

Obviously inspired by their new political clout, the five nations were quick to recognize the Sandinista government and to agree

to coordinate their reconstruction aid.

Their confidence was expressed again in Quito, Ecuador, earlier this month when Andean group foreign ministers signed a "Quito Declaration" advocating the democratic process as the best means of guaranteeing liberty and human rights in the Americas.

The move toward political action has coincided with the return to democracy by members of the Andean group ruled by military dictatorships for more than a decade.

Ecuador and Bolivia inaugurated constitutionally elected governments this month, leaving Peru as the only member with a dictatorship. Venezuela and Colombia have well-established democracies and Peru has announced elections will be held May 18 and power will be transferred to the civilian government July 23.

The democratic attitude along the Andean spine which pushes down the Western edge of South America has the backing of the U.S.

U.S. support was most recently expressed by Rosalynn Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who were in Ecuador for the inauguration of President Jaime Roldos Aug. 10.

Vance and Mrs. Carter held private talks with the foreign ministers of each Andean nation and told reporters that a tentative agreement had been reached to coordinate economic assistance to Nicaragua.

Venezuelan President Luis Herrera Campins said the Quito meeting had convinced him that a new political force was in the works.

"The Andean pact, more than just economically, is a solid bloc that will act in the international field with the aspiration of converting itself into the defender of the democratic ideal," Herrera Campins told reporters in Quito.

Kidnap victims' relatives request Italian blackout

PALAU, Sardinia, Aug. 29 (R) — The two sons of missing British businessman Rolf Schild Wednesday requested a new blackout on the suspected kidnapping of their parents and sister.

Julian and David Schild said in a statement they believed press reports about the case "could prejudice the position on our relatives."

The statement could mean the sons have been contacted by the kidnappers.

Schild, an electronics engineer from London, his wife Daphne and 14-year-old daughter disappeared here a week ago.

Police suspected the family had been kidnapped but the only firm clue was the discovery of their burned out car in the heartland of Sardinia's kidnap gang territory.

"This is a delicate and difficult situation," the statement said. "We are foreigners involved in a situation completely unknown to us. We ask the press to keep an absolute silence on the case."

The statement raised the possibility that there had been contact because relatives of Italian kidnap victims often ask for the press to be silent when starting ransom negotiations.

Police would only say "we know nothing. Anything is possible." While hundreds of police were searching for the Schilds and five other kidnap victims, two more abductions were reported.

Police at the northern town of Tempio Pausania reported that Italian pop singers Fabrizio de Andre and his girl friend Dora Ghezzi disappeared from their home Monday night.

Tuesday it was reported that the other person kidnapped was

Andre's wife. No explanation was given for the change.

"They were reported missing by their maid who found the single's house in disorder and the telephone line cut."

Of the victims, including five teenagers, only two have been released, for a reported ransom of \$ 4.8 million.

A wrangle has started over why kidnapping, a traditional crime in Sardinia, had suddenly increased.

Nino Marras, a Sardinian lawyer regarded as an expert on kidnapping, agreed with the Communist Party newspaper *L'Unita* that what it called the backwardness and misery of the island were at the root of the abductions.

But Giuseppe Villa Santa, public prosecutor in Cagliari, Sardinia's capital, denied this Tuesday.

American publisher's visa to Soviet Union cancelled

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (AP) — The Soviet Union has revoked a visa issued to the president of Random House, the publishing firm, to attend the Moscow book fair Sept. 4.

The visa, issued to Robert Bernstein, chairman and president of the firm, was cancelled and withdrawn last Thursday, said an official of the association of American Publishers.

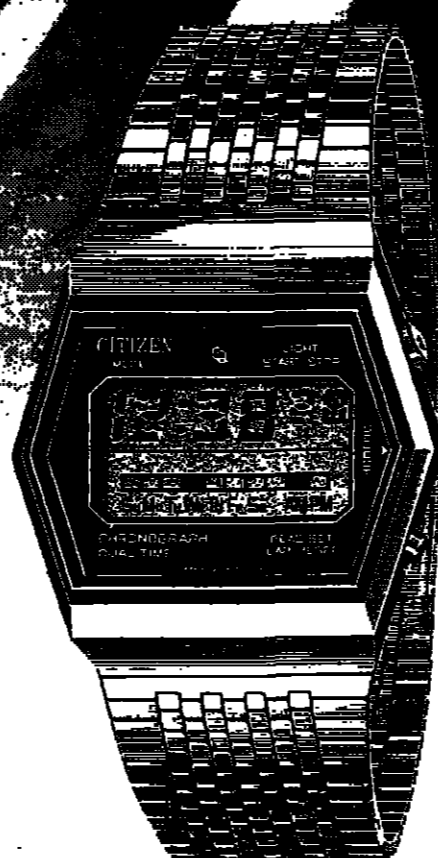
In a statement issued Tuesday, the association said it "deeply deploras this cancellation by the USSR."

No reason was given. But a Random House spokesman said a statement from Bernstein would be issued later.

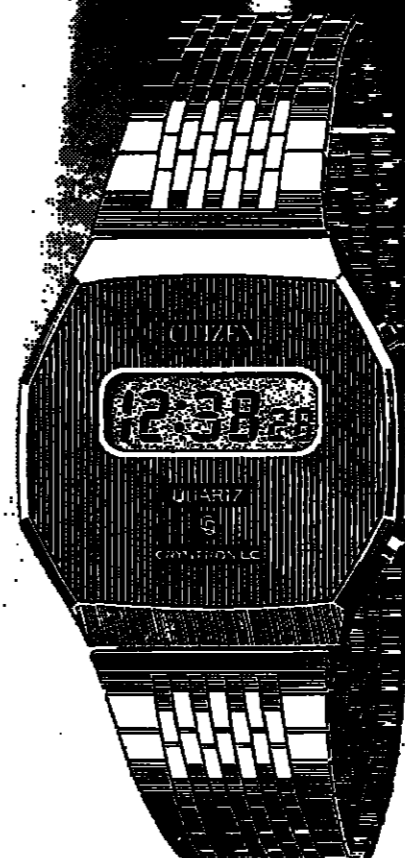
Bernstein has supported Soviet dissident writers and is also a leading member of the Helsinki watch committee, which monitors adherence to the human rights tents set down in the Helsinki accord.

The statement was signed by Alexander Hoffman, chairman of the association and executive vice president of Doubleday, and Townsend Hoopes, president of the association.

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THE POSSIBLE SOLUTION

As the situation in South Lebanon alternates between peace and war, fresh efforts are being made on the diplomatic front to contain the dangerous drift towards a general conflagration involving parties hitherto outside the conflict.

The Lebanese government, given its limited military capacity, has moved diplomatically on three fronts. President Sarkis addressed a letter to all Arab kings and presidents, requesting an Arab summit to discuss the situation in the South. He has also written to President Carter. Prime Minister Hoss has called on Saudi Arabia to use its good offices with the United States to pressure towards de-escalation in the area. Ambassador Tueni, Lebanon's representative at the U.N., called for a Security Council meeting to discuss Israel's repeated incursions.

The three-lined effort converges on one point: United States participation in resolving the problem. This stems from the conviction, explicitly stated by President Sarkis and prime minister Hoss and implied by Ambassador Tueni's efforts in the U.N., that America holds the key for easing the area's tension.

The Washington administration seems to be aware of the danger posed by South Lebanon for the area as a whole, as witnessed by Ambassador Robert Strauss's declaration of a diplomatic campaign on the question of South Lebanon. Strauss had been appointed United States' representative at the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks. His declaration therefore reflects his realization of the intimate link between the tension in South Lebanon and the prospects of peace in the Middle East.

While this is itself of primary importance, there is a no less important consideration involved. For any plan Strauss will work out has to involve the Palestinians. Would this then be the Carter Administration's way of tacitly recognizing the Palestinians, after avoiding the issue at the Security Council?

It is clear that any contact between the administration, or Strauss in particular, and the PLO, in order to establish the conditions for returning the area to Lebanese government control, would amount to a de facto recognition. The Arab states which have accepted U.N. resolutions 242, 338 and others, provide a parallel for this, since their acceptance could be construed as a de facto recognition of Israel.

It is possible that the PLO is not averse to an agreement on South Lebanon. For some months now, the PLO has given clear precedence to its political struggle. One could even say, inverting Clausewitz, that politics is the continuation of war by other means. The PLO's achievement of favorable political conditions might mean that its military efforts have achieved their end, and become therefore redundant.

Letter to The Editor

Dear Sir,
Recently at a small departmental meeting, someone in authority made a comment which he felt was honest and would not hurt anyone at the meeting. It was in regard to an undisclosed subject as far as this letter is concerned, but the comment was made from not knowing what the rest of the world functions like. The comment was begun with the familiar phrase "We all know..." and ended up with "...and those are the people we should not deal with." Some of those people happened to be at the meeting. Now what did they think when the responsible person at the table excluded them from the benefits of the subject being discussed?

This lack of tact is something that the American government has been displaying to the rest of the world over the past few years. Although the French, by American standards, are not quite as pro-Americans would like them to be, they nonetheless know how other nationalities think, and thus how to deal with them.

The trouble with Americans is that when put into a room containing an array of other nationalities, they are lost as far as to handle the situation. They assume that what is good for Americans is going to be good for everyone else, and that the apparent disagreements that non-American people display originate not from adequate understanding of the matter under discussion, but from cultural hangups that hopefully will go away once the action is forced through.

It is not a basic wish of the American mind to be like this, but perhaps a certain naivete regarding people and how they feel.

It would do the American government and its people a world of good to learn how the rest of the universe functions in terms of politics, of customs, and of religion.

Signed,
Brian Knight
An American
Dhahran

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you very much for your refreshing letter. While agreeing with most of what you have said, your letter highlights the need for greater understanding, tolerance and patience by all peoples throughout the world.

The PLO-Sandinista connection

By Charles A. Krause

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, — Shortly after Panamanian strongman Omar Torrijos arrived here recently for a two-day state visit, he was presented with an Israeli-made Galil sub-machine gun by leaders of Nicaragua's new revolutionary government.

The presentation was symbolic since Torrijos provided the Sandinistas with military, diplomatic and financial support during their guerrilla war against former President Anastasio Somoza. Torrijos is considered a hero of the Nicaraguan revolution, a symbol of the international support the victorious Sandinistas received.

The Galil, however, is a symbol of the Sandinista victory for a different reason. It and the Israeli-made Uzi sub-machine gun were the principal weapons used against the guerrillas by Somoza's defeated National Guard.

"Our people know of Israel's complicity with Somoza, and they greatly resent it," Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto said in an interview last week. "On the other hand, we are greatly appreciative of the role played by the Palestine Liberation Organization and by many of the Arab states" in helping the Sandinista cause, he said.

The PLO's prize for providing arms, political support and, according to informed sources here, training for the Sandinistas likely will be the right to open a fully accredited office in Managua. Israel's punishment for aiding Somoza is the loss of a dependable ally that provided arms during the Jewish state's war for independence in 1948 and consistently voted with Israel in the United Nations.

Although Israel recognized Nicaragua's new government, the junta's sympathies and votes in international forums likely will be pro-PLO.

A delegation of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries arrived this weekend to help the new government and Arturo Cruz, president of Nicaragua's Central Bank, said he is hoping to receive between \$50 million and \$100 million from OPEC.

The involvement of both Israel and the PLO on opposite sides of Nicaragua's recent civil war is one example of their growing rivalry in Latin America, where Israel traditionally had many friends and is doing all it can to keep them, including the reported sale of sophisticated arms to countries with right-wing military governments such as Somoza's Nicaragua, Argentina and Chile.

The Palestinians, meanwhile, supported by their allies among the Arab oil-producing states, especially Iraq and Libya, have mounted an increasingly effective campaign in recent years to gain influence with Latin American governments.

This campaign is not unlike PLO efforts in the United States, where the Palestinians have information offices in New York City and Washington.

In Latin America, the PLO has been most successful with countries that are either heavily dependent on Middle Eastern oil, such as Brazil, which is considering an Iraqi request that the PLO be allowed to open an information office, or in countries with pretensions of Third World leadership, such as Peru and Mexico, which have voted with the PLO in the United Nations and have allowed PLO information offices in Lima and Mexico City.

Mexico, which found that American Jews were boycotting its resorts four years ago as a result of its pro-PLO stance, has improved its relations with Israel in recent years and has allowed Israeli aircraft industries to open an office in its capital.

Where the PLO has been unable to improve its ties with Central and South American governments, it has become allied with revolutionary groups such as the Sandinistas or the Montoneros in Argentina and the Tupamaros in Uruguay.

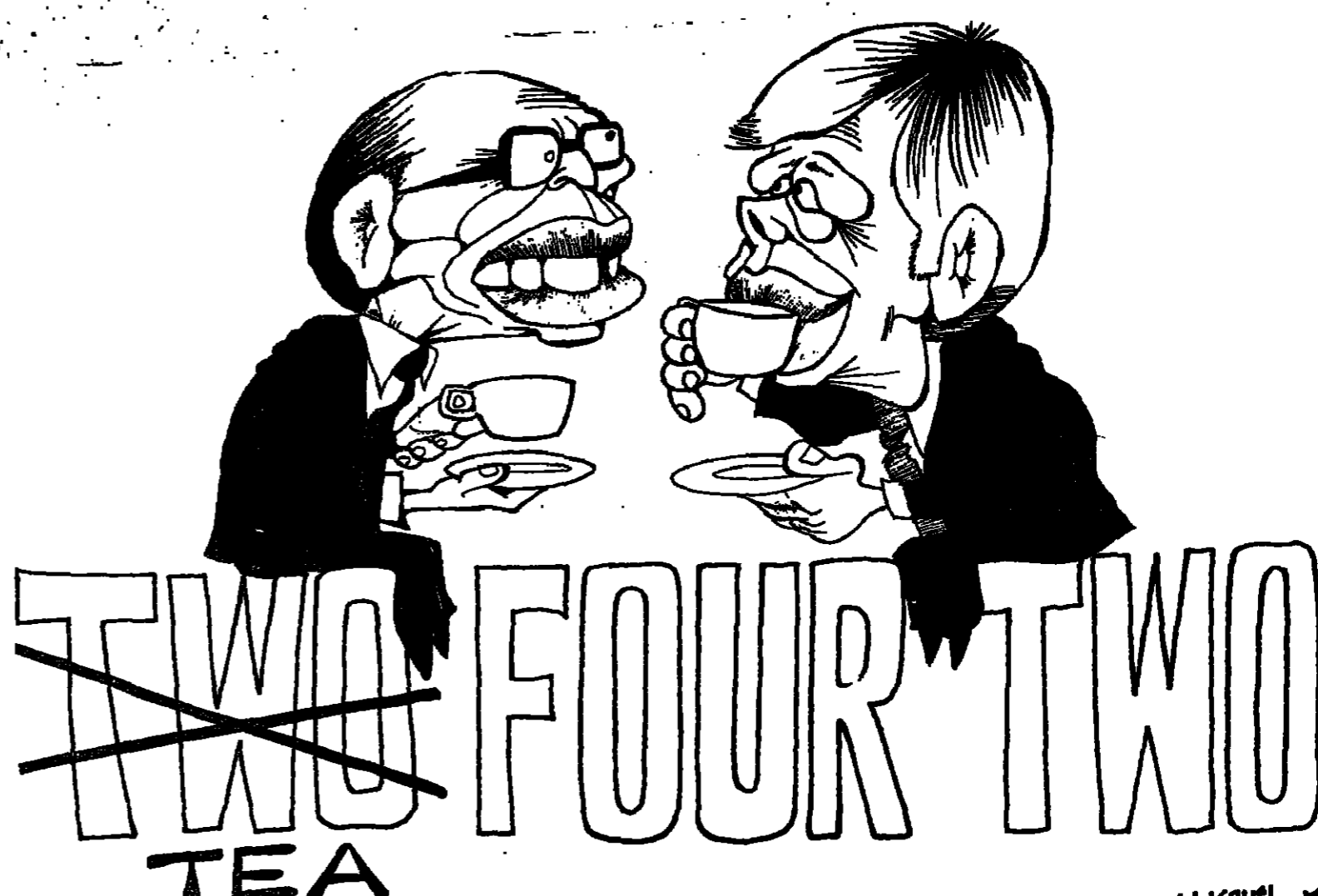
PLO leader Yasser Arafat has met with the leaders of both of these urban guerrilla groups and, according to Israeli and other intelligence sources, covertly has provided arms and training to them.

On Feb. 1, the Libyans hosted a conference in Benghazi of "progressive revolutionary organizations of Latin America," which included representatives of the Argentine and Uruguayan guerrilla groups among others, according to published accounts of the meeting.

Meanwhile, Israel, which has diplomatic relations with almost all Latin American and Caribbean countries, has been willing to sell arms, with few exceptions, to any country that wants to buy. Among the countries Israel has either offered or sold arms to are Ecuador, Costa Rica and, according to Western diplomats, both Argentina and Chile, which were on the brink of war with each other last week.

Israel also maintains an extensive propaganda apparatus in Buenos Aires called the Center of Information and Documentation of Israel for Latin America. Israeli intelligence also is active in a number of Latin American countries, according to well-informed sources.

Although the current rivalry between the PLO and Israel for power and influence in Latin America is known only partially, the activities of both sides in Nicaragua and Brazil have become public in recent months. — (WP)



One man's memory of Palestine

By Henry Mitchell

WASHINGTON — When the kid was 7 the shooting began in Jerusalem, and his father locked the door and the family fled to safety across the river.

The father, a professor of Islamic literature, had a library of 60,000 items. But surely the confusion would only last a few days?

His career, however, was shattered. He could not go back, and never succeeded in picking up the pieces.

And the boy, born in the Holy City, grew up in Lebanon and Egypt, educated in both countries, and earned a doctorate in government at the University of Massachusetts in 1969. He taught for a year at Smith College, then came to Washington to work with the League of Arab States.

A year ago last spring he opened the Palestine Information Office on 18th Street. If you think of the common fate of children in political upheavals, Hatem I. Hussaini did not fare too badly. He survived.

Jerusalem is his city, not Washington, and Palestine, not America, is where the bones of his fathers have been gathered for maybe a thousand years. He is an activist in the Palestinian cause, a job that conjures visions of grenades and explosive bottles and Jews pushed into the sea, in the heads of many Americans.

When Andy Young, the U.N. ambassador, spoke with the PLO man in New York (New York and Washington are the only two cities with Palestine information offices) all hell broke out.

Young resigned — presumably he would have been fired if he had not resigned promptly — when his evasive account caused the State Department to issue a false report on the meeting.

One thing the information office, paid for by the Palestine Liberation Organization, tries to do, Hussaini said, is spread the PLO viewpoint every time one of these upsets occurs.

A couple of hours before Young resigned, Hussaini handed me his statement of the PLO position, that "this is a sad and outrageous reflection of the level of Zionist pressure in this country, and of the direction of its foreign policy," adding that if America thinks the Palestinian problem is central to settling the Arab-Israeli tensions then "it becomes crucial for the American government to find out" what the Palestinians themselves think.

Hussaini carries a Jordanian passport — a man has to have some kind of passport, he said, but Palestine is his country. He is an alien resident.

He could easily pass for an American and speaks better English than most. He is of middle height, muscular, reasonably good-looking, with straight brown eyes. There is nothing smoldering, dark, burning or secret about his appearance or manner.

But the phone often rang and he burst into Arabic, melodious enough but urgent-sounding, as

if there were not enough minutes to get things tended to.

People sometimes came in and interrupted. "I'll see you in two hours," he might say, and his visitor would say no, he could not be reached then. People seemed busy and endlessly mobile, and I had the feeling they were all on madly different and unalterable schedules.

Hussaini said he has a yearly budget of \$ 80,000 for his office, with its staff of five including himself as director, and the rent of the second floor of a converted house, and including the scant publication budget of \$ 15,000.

The State Department said Hussaini's office is legal but they did not expect to cooperate with it. In fact the PLO would not be allowed to send Palestinians into America to open such offices. Hussaini was already a legal resident, and there is no law to prevent his freedom of expression.

PLO representatives in New York are restricted in travel and cannot go more than 35 miles away, but Hussaini can travel freely anywhere.

Often he writes letters to the editor, setting out PLO views, or phones media people to complain of what he sees as inaccuracies.

He lives with his wife and children in Washington and finds no overt discrimination, but plenty that is subtle.

Asked to give an example, he said just such things as Hodding Carter's statement when the office was opened, implying there was nothing the department could do to keep it from opening, but with a hint that State would just as soon the office dried up and blew away. It doesn't make you feel specially welcome, I gathered.

He mentioned Israeli figures who come into America to make speeches, often for large fees, while PLO leaders cannot.

His office does arrange, however, for speakers for colleges, and sometimes people write in for more knowledge of the PLO position. In those cases he sends them brochures or newsletters, but it is a small operation.

"We are not lobbyists," he said. "We don't have the staff or, really, the inclination to lobby on Capitol Hill."

He said there are a few, very few, members of Congress who sometimes ask for information on some point. He said the former Sen. James Abourezk (D-S.D.) was often called pro-Arab and pro-Palestinian but really wasn't; it was merely that he discovered there was more than one side to the question.

"A brave man," he said.

He said PLO supporters are found mainly around Chicago, New York or the West Coast. He said he finds life comfortable enough in Washington, apart from being rather unwelcome. He said it's odd that it's thought so awful to talk with a PLO person:

"Would Americans think it was wrong to talk with a refugee Jew from the Soviet Union?"

"You aren't taking notes," he said. "Won't you misquote me?"

"I'm paying attention instead of scribbling around," I told him. When people are talking about whole sweeps of fact and emotion, what they mean is more important than the precise wording.

He said you don't know what it's like to be pushed out of your country without a dime. And it's not just the loss of treasured possessions (for a professor, his books; for a kid, his new bicycle) — but the loss of dignity.

For years (as the PLO sees it) the Palestinians still in Israel (as the new state is known) and the Palestinians who fled, sat around waiting for the great world to redress their wounds of displacement, but nobody did anything much.

It was only when acts of violence were attributed to the Palestinians, especially the PLO, that the world began to think of them at all.

In some of their publications the PLO insists — and Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO, said to the United Nations on Nov. 13, 1974 — the Palestinians want to return to their native land, to live with Christians and Jews and Muslims in a secular state.

They do not see why the persecuted Jews of the world had a right to bounce out the native inhabitants without a dime, leaving refugees (now said to be 2 million) in wretched camps to survive as best they may.

The Palestinians draw a line between Zionism and its religion-based state and the Jews of Israel. Hussaini argues there is no quarrel with Jews, or with Jews finding a home in Palestine. The quarrel is with a state in which Palestinians are denied basic rights, including the rights of the refugees to live in their homeland.

But as the PLO sees it, the predominant power, the United States, hardly cares. The Palestinians have no oil, no votes, no pressure apparatus to bear on American policy.

Many Americans, they strongly suspect, prefer to think there really are not 4 million Palestinians to worry about. Or, even if there are, that surely in the course of a generation or two, the Palestinians will forget their land, their heritage, and everything will be fine.

Still, as another Palestinian once said, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my left hand forget her cunning..." and Hussaini asked me how I'd react if the American Indians took over my house?

Bitter rhetoric and violent acts have come from the PLO, and one hears much about it. One hears less, perhaps, from PLO intellectuals, and less of their calm arguments.

Hussaini said Palestine is asked to pay the costs of Western guilt (the Nazi treatment of Jews, for example) and that Americans simply do not hear the Palestinian side.

It has been 31 years since he lived in Jerusalem, but I suspected while listening to him that hell will freeze over before he forgets her. And who really thinks there is going to be any peace with 4 million resentful Palestinians like him? (WP)

saudi press review

The local press Wednesday gave prominence to Prince Saud Al-Faisal's statement that Saudi Arabia was keen on having tension subsiding in the Arab Maghreb.

It also reported Second Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah's visit to Libya to attend September 1st celebrations there.

Another topic was the two-day visit to Saudi Arabia of Sudan's President Jaafar Numeiri which started Wednesday.

The victory of Saudi swimmer Alawi Mekki over amateur swimmers in the English Channel race was also frontaged by several newspapers.

The press also dealt with a warning by U.S. officials that the United States will resist any attempt to reopen discussion of the Palestinian question at the United Nations. It highlighted at the same time a statement by the PLO delegate to the U.N. commending Saudi Arabia for its support to the Palestinian cause, especially with U.S. public opinion.

Commenting on disproportionate influence of the Israelis and Zionist organizations in the United States, Al-Madina said that the American government is really to blame for the infiltration of Israeli agents in all walks of life. It referred to a story published by Newsweek which quoted American officials as deploring Israeli intelligence activities in the country as harmful to the U.S.

The papers also played up the fresh deliveries of Soviet weapons to Syria, including tanks.

They also purported a statement by Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah to the effect that an Arab Summit over Lebanon at the present moment should be ruled out.

Other headlines included an invitation by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to outgoing U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Andrew Young to visit Lebanon, the sixth non-aligned summit conference in Havana, the expressed desire of South Korea to open a dialogue with the PLO, and a call by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Rumanian President Nicolai Ceausescu for a new international resolution by the Security Council on the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.

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"These Zionist activities are aimed at serving Israeli interests, continued occupation of Arab lands and subjugation of the Arab people which will certainly hurt Arab-American relations. Similarly, the arrest of an Israeli intelligence agent in Italy the other day, carrying arms and explosives, is an indication of the Israeli Plans against Europe as well."

"We hope that the more the world discovers about the infamy of Jewish activities and crimes, the more it will understand why the Arabs reject this entity which has expropriated their lands and threatened their independence, rights and ideals," the paper said.



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Shetland faces the cost of N. Sea oil

By William Tashy

LERWICK, Shetland Islands — On Dec. 30 the tanker Esso Mercia ruptured its hull, while sailing at the new oil terminal in inlet of Sullom Voe.

Within hours, 1,100 tons of fuel leaked into the water. Then, frustrating efforts to contain the spill, a winter gale struck the Shetlands, leading the thick oil over a wide area.

The oil was washed up along the stark but beautiful coastline, a nesting place for birds and a feeding area for the famous Shetland sheep. The birds' feathers became matted and the birds began dying in the thousands.

The oil spill also contaminated the seaweed that is exposed at low tide and provides food for the sheep. Some of the animals were poisoned, others became mired in sludge and drowned. Hundreds of lambs died because their mother's coats could not keep them warm.

The people of the remote, pastoral islands — lying about 100 miles north of the Scots coast in the North Sea — are facing their worst crisis yet. They will profit from the new refinery at Sullom Voe, but they will also suffer.

"It was a real disaster," one local official said. "We are still trying to clean up the mess."

A consortium of oil companies spent \$6 million in the spring-up operation but oil prices remain. Additional fencing being put up to keep the sheep away from the oily seaweed.

The pollution's effect will continue. Sheep are grazing on lands reserved for cattle, and feed must be imported for the cattle.

Months from now, the Shetland islanders will still be balancing advantages of oil against the disruption of their way of life.

When oil was discovered in the North Sea in 1971, the Shetlands were a place apart — a cluster of low-lying, treeless, heather-covered islands, at about the same latitude as the southern tip of Greenland.

The Shetlands were ruled by Norsemen until 500 years ago, when, as part of the dowry of a Danish princess they became part of Scotland.

Many place names are derived from the Norse. Lerwick, the name of the capital, comes from Leir Vik — muddy bay. Sullom comes from Sol Heimur — place in the sun.

Of the dozens of islands, only 17 are inhabited. The largest is confusingly called "mainland."

Birds abound and many rare species are found. The Arctic Skua, the red-throated diver, the snowy owl live alongside the more common puffin, guillemot, razor-bill and gannet.

Shetland ponies were originally bred to carry peat from the fields to provide heat for the islanders' cottages. Now they are raised as pets and exported.

The islanders are engaged mainly in fishing, farming and tending the herds that produce the popular Shetland wool. Sheep outnumber the 21,000 people by

about 12 to 1.

Shetland wool that is not exported protects the islanders from the fierce winds, the record having been a gust of 176 knots — at which point the instrument measuring it blew away.

Shetland islanders are fond of saying: "we have eight months of winter and four months of bad weather." This summer has been no exception. "Miserable," as one farmer described it.

But despite the weather, the islanders remain cheerful and friendly and resigned to their special way of life.

They lock no doors, welcome strangers and every January take part in a festival called Up-Helly-Aa. A viking boat is burned and sent to Valhalla, with appropriate quantities of spirits.

In the 1960s, the Shetlands' faltering economy picked up rapidly. Fishing was improved through refurbishing the fleet and building processing factories. Reclaimed land provided more grass for sheep and cattle.

"Relatively speaking," a Shetland official said, "at a time when the rest of the United Kingdom was having difficulties with employment, we were doing rather well."

When oil was found, the Shetland archipelago was the nearest landfall, and the most economical way to move the oil was by pipeline to a terminal here, then by tanker to refineries in Britain and Europe.

Not long after the British government decided to proceed with

construction of the terminal at Sullom Voe, the islanders' way of life began to change. Construction workers crowded in — they now number 3,700 — to build the storage tanks, wharves and pipelines.

Officials of the Shetland Islands Council, the local government, were aware of the dangers, as well as the advantages.

But they did not realize that the oil bonanza could turn their island into a modern Klondike.

The officials received assurances from the oil consortium, headed by British Petroleum, that all possible steps would be taken to preserve the environment and to prevent spills.

But despite these promises, the big oil spill was not long in coming. Officials of the consortium say it was a fluke.

"Our safeguards were designed to minimize the spill of crude oil coming in from the North Sea," one official said. "But what happened over the New Year was that the tanker was tied to a tug, which developed a fire. The fire forced the tug to back off, leading to a snapping of the line, and then the tanker hit a dock."

"The gash in the hull let loose the tanker's bunker (fuel) oil, which is extremely difficult to handle in sea water. The storm then spread the oil throughout the area."

After the spill, thousands of islanders signed a petition calling for the terminal to be shut down.

"You might say that all this has been held in abeyance to make



North of Shetland, ocean-going tugs haul the giant reinforced concrete gas production platform TPI on its 1450-kilometer journey to the North Sea Frigg Field.

sure that the oil people take the proper precautions against future spills," a town official said. "We have not taken any specific action for now."

The oil companies are consider-

ing plans to prevent future pollution of Sullom Voe's waters. One provision would limit the amount of water that tankers can bring in as ballast. This would prevent the discharge of excessive amounts of contaminated water.

The islanders are also worried about collisions or grounding in the narrow, fog-shrouded approaches to Sullom Voe. By 1981 about 500 tankers a year will be calling at the terminal, which will be handling about 1.4 million barrels of crude oil a day.

On the other hand, Shetland tourism officials suggest that the big spill has been overrated by the press. They say that only 50 of the island's 3,000 miles of coastline were affected.

"The innkeepers may have overemphasized the extent of damage," one tourism official said. But no one denies the loss of 6,000 or 7,000 birds and thousands of sheep.

In any case, the dangers of oil pollution are now obvious to all Shetland islanders. Some of them are more concerned with the long-term implications in the oil

boom. "Oil-related industries have provided plenty of jobs," Basil Wishart, editor of "The Shetland Times" said. "But we question where there will be jobs after the oil runs out. This will happen around the year 2000. People are now leaving the farms, looms and fishing fleets for better-paying jobs related to oil."

"But what happens later? Will a woman making \$350 a week as secretary with an oil firm go back to teaching at half that salary afterward? The oil won't last forever."

A fish-processing factory that sends its fillets of whiting and haddock to New England is closing down because it cannot pay workers the wages they can earn in the oil-related industries.

The Shetland Islands Council finds it difficult to get people to work on the roads and streets, or even as secretaries, when they are offered higher-paying jobs with the oil companies.

"It's ironic that when many areas of Scotland are suffering from underemployment we are

plagued with overemployment," an island official said.

The islanders' disengagement from the oil bonanza will come in two stages: the first when construction workers finish in two or three years and the second when the oil runs dry, presumably around the end of the century.

But if oil is discovered west of the Shetlands, in the north Atlantic, the oil may continue flowing into Sullom Voe well past the year 2,000.

"One solution is to train our people to work in terminals and the offshore platforms," the official said. "That way they can participate permanently in the oil boom, even after the construction ends. But ultimately we must restore our traditional farming and fishing, and we hope that the oil bonanza will provide the money to do this."

"The oil income can give us breathing space, room for maneuvering to plan our future. It gives us the time and the money which, if used wisely, can ensure the Shetland islands, and hence our future well into the 21st century." — (LAT)

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And Aberdeen faces Texans

By Richard S. Dunham

ABERDEEN, Scotland — Amid the heather and hills of northern Scotland there is a town where men wear cowboy boots and women speak with a Texas twang.

Since the discovery of North Sea oil 10 years ago, an invasion of foreigners — particularly Texans — has transformed the granite fishing town of Aberdeen into an international port of call.

"We all thought we were coming to Aberdeen," said Stan Moore of Chicago, a history and English teacher at the city's American school. "We ended up in Texas instead."

The city, steeped in almost a 1,000 years of Scots history, now boasts of an American school, an American newspaper, American restaurants, dance halls and bars, an American grocery and a western wear store.

Baskin-Robbins has a shop here selling American ice cream and Kentucky Fried Chicken and McDonald's are on the way. A fundamentalist American preacher last month embarked on a week-long crusade to convert Aberdeenians, and the Aberdeen Gunfighters' Club recently held a mock "Wild West" shootout along the North Sea, complete with cowboy outfits and six-shooters.

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Just as the Scots have had to adjust to their pointy-toed visitors' strange accents and foreign ways, the Texans in Aberdeen have not had an easy time adapting to the Scots' ways, either.

"In Texas, we consider ourselves rebels for life," drawled Ed Peete of Midland. "Here, we're just plain Yankees."

Oil, and its development, has brought economic prosperity to the third largest city in unemployment-plagued Scotland. But it has also brought severe inflation, increased crime and, occasionally, verbal sparring with the Texas visitors.

"Everything has changed," said Thomas Innes, an Aberdeen resident. "Aberdeen was a declining area and, all of a sudden, things boomed."

Chamber of Commerce Director Charles H. Taylor boasts of the boom that has brought 350 new corporations to Aberdeen since 1970, increased the city's population by a quarter to 220,000, created thousands of new jobs, reduced the unemployment rate to 3.5 per cent and made Dyce Airport the world's busiest heliport.

Taylor calls Aberdeen "a mini-Houston, except we are under more control in terms of development." In fact, he said, Houston and Aberdeen have been declared "twin cities."

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from the boom," Taylor asserted. "Oil, if anything, has tremendously improved Aberdeen."

But others say that prosperity has had its cost. The cost of living, particularly in housing, has spiraled and local prices rival those of London. The crime rate has more than tripled in the 10 years.

In some abuse way, the 3,000 Texans living temporarily in cold Aberdeen are seen by some to have contributed to the city's ills.

There is some resentment against the Texans because they seem to be "flaunting" their wealth and then, after several years, taking the money they earned in Scotland back to the United States.

"They're just over here reaping the benefits of their industry and then abandoning us," said one disgruntled Aberdeenian.

Another complained about "all those people wearing those Texas hats and funny boots walking down Union Street."

Aberdeen's chief officer, Town Clerk John Wilson, reclined in his office chair and considered the changes of the past decade wrought by oil.

"We have forced them (the Texans) to take a broader look at themselves and they have enabled us to take a broader look at ourselves," he said. "That can't help but be a good thing." (Dallas Times-Herald)



Tank farm at Dalmeny, five kilometers inland from the Firth of Forth on Scotland's southern North Sea coast. The farm received a European architectural award for "the extreme care taken over safety and the prevention of pollution" and its discreet landscaping.

British government objects to S. African rugby tour

LONDON, Aug. 29 (R) — The government Tuesday night stepped into a growing controversy here over an invitation to a multi-racial South African rugby union team to play eight matches in Britain and Ireland in October.

The Department of the Environment said Sports Minister Hector Monro was writing to the four home Rugby Unions which announced the invitation Monday to tell them the planned tour was "ill-advised."

Monro's letter would also say that the proposed visit would be in breach of the Gleneagles Agreement on Commonwealth sporting links with South Africa.

Commonwealth leaders agreed at Gleneagles in 1977 to oppose sporting contacts and competition

with teams from South Africa.

The letter would say that the tour could prejudice Britain's participation in the Moscow Olympics next year, a view that was also expressed Tuesday by the chairman of the British Olympic movement, Sir Dennis Follows.

The possible effect on British Olympic participation stems from the 1976 boycott by black African nations of the Montreal Olympics because of the presence there of New Zealand, whose rugby union team had toured South Africa that year.

Last month Vladimir Popov, the vice-president of the Moscow Olympic Organizing Committee, issued a warning that exclusion of those supporting South Africa from the 1980 Games would be in

full compliance with the letter and spirit of the Olympic charter.

The announcement of Monro's letter to the Rugby Unions of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales came after the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee (SAN-ROC) Tuesday asked him to take steps to stop the tour from taking place.

SAN-ROC chairman Sam Ramsamy said in a letter to the minister the tour would be a "gross disregard" of the Gleneagles Agreement and of United Nations resolutions on sporting contacts with South Africa. He called on Monro to intervene immediately "to stop this highly irresponsible action from proceeding."

The home unions' statement on the invitation Monday said there was evidence "that the constitution of the South African Rugby Union Board, the governing body of the game in South Africa, is now non-racial and its development policy is also non-racial."

"It is believed that unless this progress is more widely recognized outside South Africa, the playing experience and advancement in the game by all players, particularly the colored and black players, will be adversely affected."

Leading anti-apartheid campaigner Peter Hain, the chairman of the Halt All Racists Tours group, Monday night disputed the unions' claim that continuing contact with South Africa had led to the development there of rugby union planned along non-racial lines.

"Such changes as have occurred have come solely and exclusively because of international isolation," said Hain, who also said there would be attempts to disrupt the tour if it took place.

Hain also signed the letter from Ramsamy to Monro. Ramsamy also wrote to the four Rugby Unions to protest at the decision.

Southampton 5-0 victory starts march to Wembley

LONDON, Aug. 29 (R) — Southampton, beaten in the final of the English League Cup early this year, started the trek back towards Wembley with a 5-0 win over Second Division Wrexham Tuesday night.

This was in the first leg of the second round — the stage at which the First and most of the second Division clubs enter the competition. Reverse-leg matches will be played in seven or eight days.

Ex-Arsenal and Derby star Charlie George, who was not fit to play in the final against Nottingham Forest, opened the scoring.

Phil Boyer, who, like George, once played for England, banged in two of the later goals. Graham Baker got the others.

Bolton, who beat Southampton in a First Division match on Saturday, flopped 2-1 at home to Third Division Southend.

Alan Gowling put Bolton ahead early in the second half and by that time Southend were down to 10

men. Dave Cusack had been ordered off.

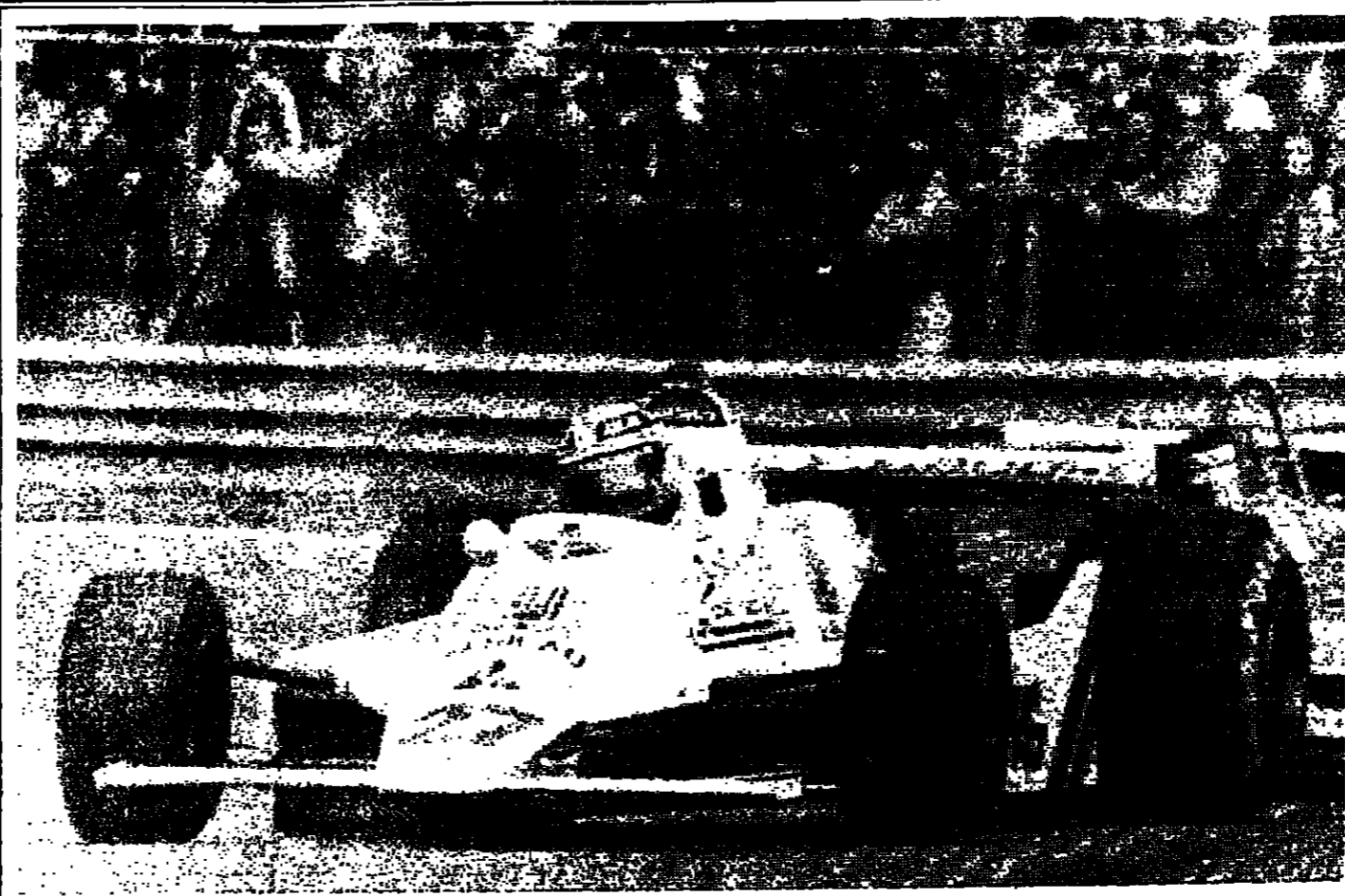
But Colin Morris, a winger who is attracting much attention, hit two goals in 11 minutes which to resume the tie in Southend.

First Division leaders Norwich had a hard time away to another Third Division club, Gillingham. Ex-West Ham striker Alan Taylor, in his first match for Norwich, scrambled an equalizer to John Overton's first half goal.

Another Third Division team, Sheffield Wednesday, drew the best crowd of the night — more than 24,000.

Wednesday, which forced Arsenal to four replays on its way to winning the other, older F.A. Cup last season, kept the expensively remodelled Manchester City team at full stretch.

South African Colin Viljeon put City ahead but Jeff King hit a second half leveller and star goalkeeper Joe Corrigan saved Brian Hornsby's penalty to rescue the First Division club from a deficit.



ANOTHER FIRST: Alan Jones of Australia in his Sandia-Williams car, on the Zandvoort track Sunday before winning the Dutch Grand Prix. It was the latest of a string of victories for Jones and his team.

Seventh straight win

Reds scatter Carlton to dethrone Astros

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (AP) — Jo Morgan, Ray Knight and Dan Driessen hit home runs off Steve Carlton to carry the Cincinnati Reds to a 5-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies Tuesday night.

The victory moved the Reds into first place in the National League West over the Houston Astros, who had held that spot since May 30. The Astros dropped a 5-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies Tuesday night.

Rookie Frank Pastore, 3-6 was the winner with relief help from Tom Hume, who gained his 11th save as the Reds won their seventh straight game. Carlton's record dropped to 13-11.

Garry Maddox put the Phillies in front with his 12th homer of the season in the second inning. Cincinnati tied the game on Morgan's homer in the fourth, then went

ahead when Knight homered leading off the fifth.

The Reds scored three more times in the sixth on Driessen's three-run blast, his 15th homer of the season.

Pastore gave up only five hits in 72-3 innings while striking out three and walking one.

Warren Cromartie drove in four runs, including one with a bases-loaded walk in the ninth, to lead Montreal over Houston. Cromartie earlier had a three-run double.

Elsewhere in the NL, right-hander Phil Niekro drove in two runs and gained his 17th victory as the Atlanta Braves defeated the New York Mets 6-4.

Rick Reuschel gained his 16th victory with ninth-inning help from relief ace Bruce Sutter as the Chicago Cubs whipped the San Diego Padres 3-1.

In American League action, Jerry Morales drove in three runs with a double and single while Champ Summers, Alan Trammell and Jason Thompson bombed as the Detroit Tigers bombed the California Angels 12-2. Ross Baumgarten pitched seven strong innings and the Chicago White Sox profited from four Boston errors in defeating the Red Sox 7-3.

Standings

American League

East	West
Baltimore	71 61 538
Minnesota	68 61 537
Chicago	63 62 537
Seattle	63 69 477
Philadelphia	57 74 435
San Diego	56 76 424
Los Angeles	42 91 316

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Essex recovers to beat Surrey

Lever takes 100th wicket of season

LONDON, Aug. 29 (R) — New county champions Essex beat Surrey by 15 runs at Chelmsford Tuesday and on the way left arm pace bowler John Lever took his 100th wicket of the season. No other bowler is yet in sight of that target.

Essex collapsed early in the day to the Surrey bowlers Robert Jackman (four for 37) and Hugh Wilson (three for 38) and left their visitors to score 115 to beat them.

At that stage a 12th Essex victory in 19 championship matches hardly looked likely but Lever bowled unchanged for 20 overs and came out with four 54. West Indian Norbert Phillip took four for 19 and Stuart Turner the two others for 17.

Lever made the key break when he disposed of left-hander Alan Butcher, his new England Test colleague, for 24 and Surrey were all out for 99.

But Surrey retain second place as their close pursuers, Worcestershire also lost and Somerset, next

in line, failed to force a win against Gloucestershire.

Results of county matches which ended Tuesday:

At Chelmsford: Essex beat Surrey by 15 runs.

Essex 300 for nine innings closed and 101 (R. Jackman four for 37) Surrey 287 in 97 overs and 99 (N. Phillip four for 19).

Essex 20 points Surrey seven.

At Bournemouth: Kent beat Hampshire by an innings and 56 runs.

Hampshire 144 in 70.1 overs and 82 (D. Underwood eight for 28).

Kent 282 for seven declared after 93 overs (R. Woolmer 105, C. Tavare 101).

Kent 19 points Hampshire three.

At Leicester: match drawn. Northamptonshire 366 in 95.5 overs and 250 (Willey 69; T. Yardley 57; N. Cook six for 72).

Leicestershire 357 for five innings closed (104 overs) and 87 for four.

Leicestershire eight points Northamptonshire six.

At Hove: match drawn. Middlesex 188 in 67.1 overs and 151 (Imran Khan five for 50, Sussex 136 for three declared after 52 overs (G. Mendis 54 not out; Imran Khan 51 not out) and 111 for six.

Sussex four points Middlesex two.

At Worcester: Warwickshire beat Worcestershire by four wickets. Worcestershire 300 for seven declared after 94.4 overs and 259 for two declared (G. Turner 108; P. Neale 101 not out) Warwickshire 264 for five declared after 68.5 overs and 298 for six (K. Smith 69; C. Maynard 47 not out).

Warwickshire 18 points Worcestershire six.

At Swansea: Match drawn. Glamorgan 250 for three declared after 72 overs and 144 (P. Swart 42; G. Miller six for 53; D. Steele four for 56). Derbyshire 137 for three declared after 46 overs and 237 for eight (P. Kirsten 47; G. Miller 41 not out).

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JAVELIN: One of the first Communist Chinese athletes to take part in World Cup competition, Xia Li contemplates her next throw as she leans on her javelin in Montreal last week. She was placed sixth.

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HALF CRAZED : The well-known "pastime" the "running of the bulls," shown in the picture above in Tecate, Mexico, is based on the centuries-old event held each year in Pamplona, Spain. The running bulls, half crazed with fear, are released into crowds of men, women and children. The more agile members of the crowds compete with each other to see who can out-run and outwit the stampeding animals. Casualties are common.

A certain amount of bull in Mexico ole !



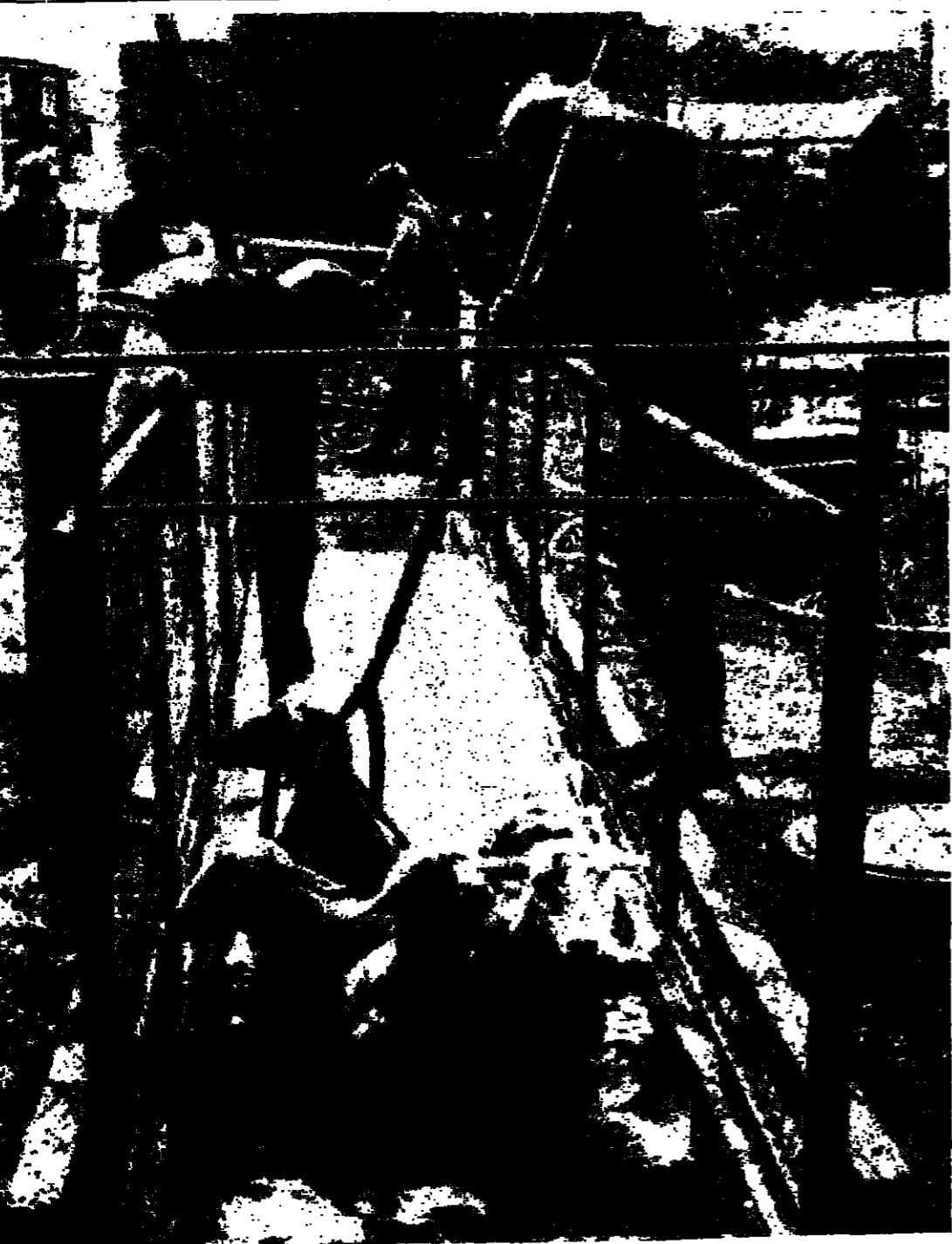
BULL RUNNING : A man from California was killed when he was knocked down and trampled by the "running bulls" in Tecate, Mexico during the annual bull running event. In the picture above, a man is knocked to the ground by one of the stampeding herd. Luckily, he escaped serious injury — many others each year are not so fortunate. The streets of Tecate are narrow — the bulls are wild with fear. The Pamplona-type event this year attracted more than 12,000 spectator-participants.

*"The times have been
That when the brains were out the man would die
And there an end."*

Shakespeare

One bath a year —

Farmers and shepherds in Vels, Switzerland (left), use their crooks to urge a flock of reluctant sheep through a sheep-dip for their annual baptism. Chemicals in the dip are the sheep's salvation in cleansing their fleece and discouraging unwelcome boarders.



Reluctant Angus — Barbara of "Ten and Barbara" TV fame in England, has a problem with an Aberdeen Angus calf, (above) which refuses to act in the new BBC TV series entitled "To the Manor Born." Barbara, queen of the Surbiton super snobs, alias Penelope Keith, plays a "lady" of the manor who is forced to move into the manor-lodge when the new owner — a Polish immigrant takes over. Meanwhile Aggie the Angus is stealing the limelight.

Hogging it up —

Meet the Spike quins — a family of lovable baby hedgehogs. Things looked prickly for them when their mother died and they were stranded weak and bewildered on a compost heap. Then along came Samaritan Ron Piddock. And now they've got a home that's just their cup of tea as you can see. The food is a cut above average for a normal hedgehog diet of slugs and grass — it's eggs and warm milk, with an occasional dash of brandy. And then to bed — in a warm greenhouse. And don't forget the tender care of 58-year-old builder Ron and his wife Edna, 56. All in the Spike quins are living high on the hog. Their good life started when Ron discovered them two weeks ago in the compost heap of his detached home in Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, England. Then, sadly, he found their mother dead in a nearby copse. Said Ron: "They were very weak." "Now they're quite used to me. When I whistle they come shuffling over. "I think I'm a good mother."



TEA : A home that's just their cup of tea, the five orphaned baby hedgehogs enjoy their new surroundings.



BABY FEEDER : Ron feeds a baby hedgehog with an eye-dropper.

In spite of rising oil costs

U.S. trade deficit reduced

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (Agencies) — Record exports helped to lower sharply the U.S. trade deficit with the rest of the world last month, the government said Tuesday.

The July merchandise trade deficit, which marked the 38th consecutive month in which imports have exceeded exports, was down from the \$1.9 billion of June and was the lowest since March.

The improvement in the merchandise trade balance occurred even though the U.S. paid a record \$4.8 billion for petroleum-product imports in July.

The figure was the largest since the \$4.6 billion reported in March 1977, commerce data showed, and it reflected the crude oil price increase by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) on July 1.

The merchandise trade balance improved in spite of the rising oil-import costs because of the continued good performance of U.S. exports.

"It looks good," said a commerce trade specialist who asked that his name not be used. "Exports were a bit of a worry for a while. They dropped for two months, leveled in May, then

jumped up in June and July.

"Two strong increases in a row mean that exports are showing some strength."

U.S. exports rose to a record \$15.7 billion in July, up 4.2 per cent from the previous high of \$15 billion in June.

Exports of agricultural commodities and manufactured goods increased last month, but the foreign sale of iron and steel-mill products dropped.

Imports, meanwhile, fell from the record level of \$16.9 billion in June to \$16.7 billion in July, the commerce report shows.

Among the import categories showing declines were food and live animals, chemicals and related products, ores and lumber and passenger cars. One commerce analyst speculated that the drop in auto imports reflected a supply shortage.

Oil imports continues to be a problem for the nation, with volume increasing 1.8 per cent in July to 245.9 million barrels.

The figure is just under the 8.2 million barrel-per-day quota that President Carter has set for the nation as part of his energy policy.

Although the volume of imports increased less than 2 per cent, the price rose 13 per cent from \$4.3

billion dollars in June to \$4.8 billion in July, commerce figures show.

As a result of the rising oil prices, the U.S. trade deficit with the OPEC members rose to \$2.3 billion in July compared with 1.3 billion in the previous month.

The closely watched trade deficit with Japan declined from \$778.1 million in June to \$484.7 million in July, the lowest since \$286 million reported in March.

The report indicated that during the first seven months of 1979, exports were at an annual rate of \$170.6 billion, or about 19 per cent higher than the same period last year.

Imports, meanwhile, were at an annual rate of \$192.7 billion, or up 12 per cent from the 1978 figures.

If that pattern continues, the U.S. could end the year with a \$22 billion trade deficit.

The Carter administration hopes to hold trade deficit to a maximum of \$24 billion this year, compared with last year's \$23.5 billion.

"Recession has begun"

Meanwhile, a U.S. government statistical indicator designed to forecast trends in the nation's economy has been weakening in recent months, supporting the contention that a recession has begun.

Preliminary data suggests that the composite index of leading indicators fell about 0.5 per cent in July, according to government and private economists who asked that their names not be used.

The Commerce Department was releasing the July figures Wednesday.

The index dropped 0.1 per cent in June after a rise of 0.3 per cent in May and a decline of 2.1 per cent in the strike-depressed month of April.

Iran bans inflow of Riyals

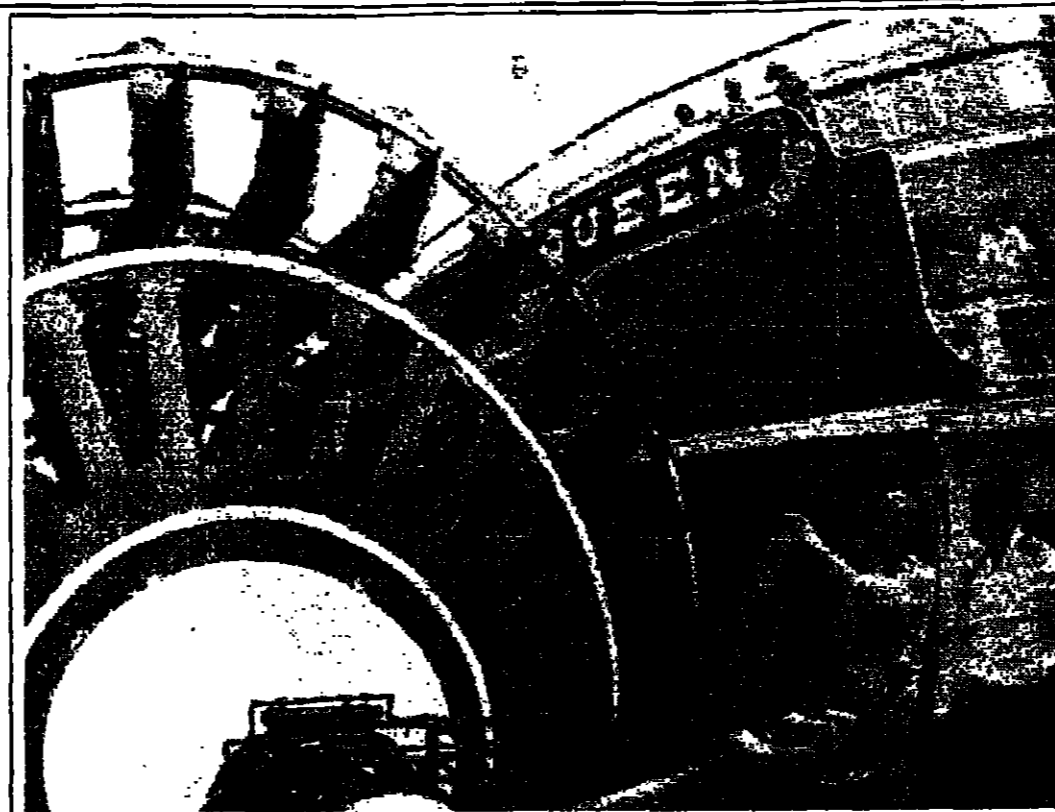
ABU DHABI, Aug. 29 (R) — Iran has prohibited travellers from carrying the Iranian currency, the Rial Wednesday into the country, the official Emirates News Agency WAM said Wednesday.

It said the Iranian government had told the United Arab Emirates that Riyals found on passengers arriving in Iran would be confiscated.

The Rial is not exchangeable in banks in the Gulf. It is now being traded in the money market at 50 per cent below its rate before the Iranian revolution.

Market sources said the Iranian move was aimed at checking the flow of cheap Riyals into the country.

The latest (Aug. 20) Iranian Rial exchange rate against the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Drawing Rights (SDR) was reported as 91.4857.



BIG WHEEL: Picture shows President Jimmy Carter with his daughter, Amy, getting a run-down on the mechanics of the big stern wheel of the Atlanta Queen from Captain, Fred Martin. Carter and his family cruised down the Mississippi River recently on a working holiday, stopping at well-known ports of call along the famous waterway. The Mark Twain-like adventure was staged to draw the nation's attention to America's need for energy conservation. The 50-year-old veteran stern-wheeler is powered by oil-burning steam engines. She was built at Clydebank, Scotland in 1926.

World's oil supplies drying up, CIA says

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29 (R)

— The world's oil supplies are running out and nations must act immediately if a smooth transition to alternative energy supplies is to be achieved, the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) said Tuesday.

"Contrary to the view that became popular during the temporary supposed 'oil glut' of 1977-78, the world does not have 'years' to make the switch, the agency said.

The gloomy analysis was contained in a report by the CIA's National Foreign Assessment Center.

It said that world production of oil probably will begin to decline in the mid-1980s. But even before then, the oil-producing nations were expected to keep supplies tight.

Some countries with oil reserves that are large compared to their production are increasing production capacity slowly or not at all, the report said.

This reluctance to increase capacity reflects a desire on the part of many of the producing nations to stretch out their oil wealth for a longer time.

These nations also fear that huge inflows of oil money could have disruptive economic and social effects, it added.

The CIA said the number of nations that have imposed production constraints has grown steadily in the past several years.

About 60 per cent of world reserves are controlled by these policies.

Not all of these countries are members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries

Texas tourist trade still threatened by oil

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas

Aug. 29 (AP) — A lake of runaway Mexican oil, 15 miles wide and at least 30 miles long, threatened further devastation on Tuesday to the crippled Gulf of Mexico coastal tourist industry.

The edge of the oil was in the surf, along the Mexican coast just south of Brownsville. It was being driven northward onto the Texas shoreline by the remains of a tropical depression in northern Mexico.

Scientists said they did not know the exact size of the oil slick. Because of the bad weather, reconnaissance pilots could see only 30 miles of it.

Navy Maynard, a scientist with the U.S. government task force battling history's worst oil spill said the crude should blacken the already-stained tourist beaches along the entire south Texas coast for the next few days.

The tourist industry at both ends of Padre Island has been hit hard by the huge spill from a still-spewing offshore Mexican well.

Tourism is off at least 50 per cent at South Padre Island, the area's major resort.

Laguna Madre

Coast Guard defenses, meanwhile, emerged relatively unscathed from the tropical depression which officials had feared would intensify and drive the dangerous oil into the environmentally delicate Laguna Madre.

The depression, sustaining winds of 35 mph and gusts of up to 50 mph veered into Mexico late Monday and remained about 60 miles south of Texas on Tuesday afternoon.

The storm's outer winds and driving rain tore loose some of the lighter, secondary floating barriers in the two southern passes into the lush lagoon behind Padre Island. But Coast Guard Lt. Jake D'Neal said the heavy anti-oil booms, lashed to 1,000-pound anchors, remained in place and prevented any significant infiltration of oil into the lagoon.

The 100-mile-long Laguna Madre harbors numerous species of rare birds and is a major nursery for shrimp and other commercially important marine species.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Municipality of Medina	Supply of fuel for the second time	1	20	Sept. 1
" " "	Servicing of vehicles and machinery	7	30	Sept. 1
" " "	Supply of vehicles	10	50	Sept. 1
Municipality of Taif	Supply of stationery and engineering equipment	100		Sept. 3
" " "	Supply of cleaning materials	100		Sept. 2
Directorate General of Post	Supply of packing and wrapping materials	1-99/1400	150	Sept. 1
Municipality of Taif	Undertaking of an illumination project	500		Sept. 1
Directorate of Education, Al-Washm	Operation and maintenance of power generators in six schools	4/17		Sept. 11

To record 12.25 per cent Chase raises prime

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (R) — Chase Manhattan Bank, the United States third biggest bank, Tuesday raised its prime rate to a record 12 1/4 per cent, reflecting U.S. Central Bank moves to fight inflation by discouraging bank lending through higher interest rates.

Analysts said the increase in the key interest rate was expected to spread quickly through the American Banking Industry and

Iranians nationalize Soviet bank

TEHERAN, Aug. 29 (R) — A Soviet delegation will come to Tehran to liquidate the assets of the Soviet-owned Russo-Iran Bank, the Iranian foreign ministry said Tuesday.

A foreign ministry statement said the Soviet government had accepted Iran's decision to nationalize banks last June and had recognized it was the right of all independent countries to do so.

The Russo-Iran Bank, founded in 1923, was the last commercial bank operating in Iran which was wholly foreign-owned.

Informed banking sources said the Soviet Union had decided to wind up the bank to conform with Iran's nationalization decree. They said the Soviet side would accept the legal compensation Iran would offer for the bank's nationalization and did not intend to bargain over the amount.

Aden invites bids for oil exploration

BAHRAIN, Aug. 29 (R) —

South Yemen has invited international bids to explore for oil in the country. Taha Al-Ahadi of the Petroleum and Minerals board (PMB) said Wednesday.

South Yemen's eastern and north-eastern mountainous terrain has been divided into five blocks for exploitation on a production sharing basis according to Ahadi.

One block adjoins the Sultanate of Oman and the other borders Saudi Arabia — both oil exporting countries.

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SHIPS MOVEMENTS UP TO 0700 HOURS ON THE 29TH AUGUST, 1979 7TH SHAHAW, 1399

Berth	Vessel	Agent	Cargo	Arrival
1	Seaspeed Arabia	Fayez	Ldg. mty contrs.	23/8/79
4	Alma	General	General	24/8/79
9	Santos	A.A.	General	23/8/79
10	Adria Star	Gulf	Timber	25/8/79
14	Jordan Carrier	Rotac	Bulk Cement	14/8/79
19	Scindia	Sheth	Bulk Cement	26/8/79
20	Refier Guila	Rotac	Fruct.Chicken	23/8/79
21	Thalmer	General	General	23/8/79
22	Silk	Thas.MacDougal	General	23/8/79
36	Phaedon II	Sakard	Dura	21/8/79
42	Golden Eagle	S.C.S.A.	General	26/8/79
43	Jerry Everet	M.E.S.A.	General	20/8/79

2. RECENT ARRIVALS:				
Kota Maju	O.C.E.	General		26/8/79
George Z	O.C.E.	General		26/8/79
Adia Star	O.C.E.	General		26/8/79
Queen Emerald	O.C.E.	General		26/8/79
Seaspeed Arabia	Fayez	Ldg. Containers		23/8/79

3. VESSELS EXPECTED WITHIN 24 Hours				
Santa Elena	Algalva	General		29/8/79
Barge 338-1	Gulf	Bld. materials		29/8/79
Mini Leo	General	Containers		29/8/79
Saudi Crown	Rotac	Empty gas bottles		29/8/79
Eugenia M	A.E.T.	General		29/8/79
Orgeo	Algalva	Dura		29/8/79
Arminia II	Algalva	Dura		29/8/79
Clyde Fish	O.C.E.	Refriger		29/8/79
Marlene Bolton	A.E.T.	Containers		29/8/79
Saland Pacer	Rotac	Containers		29/8/79
Scotland	Barber	Containers		29/8/79
Troll Forest	Medco	Loading Contrs.		29/8/79
Merzario Gattis	A.E.T.	Containers		29/8/79
Jolly Amuro	Abdelah	Containers		29/8/79
Hual Orind	A.E.T.	Plant.Matls.General		29/8/79

KING ABDUL AZIZ PORT, DAMMAM

SHIPS MOVEMENTS UP TO 0700 HOURS ON THE 29TH AUGUST, 1979 7TH SHAHAW, 1399

Berth	Vessel	Agent	Cargo	Arrival
1	Vaporis	Kanoo	Wheat in Bulk	24-8-79
5	Damat	Kanoo	General	27-8-79
8	Arab Naid	S.M.C.	General	26-8-79
9	Amber	S.M.C.	Loading Urea	4-8-79
12	Margherita Maerak	Kanoo	Genr.Containers	26-8-79
14	Golden Season	On	General	26-8-79
15	Tahing	Sea	General	27-8-79
19	Hopa Wall	Goasol	Cement in Bags	21-8-79
21	Eastern Wave (D.B.)	Alfred	Bulk Cement	17-8-79
23	Nedlloyd Rouen	Kanoo	Ro-Ro Containers	26-8-79
26	Marina	UEP	Rice in Bags	24-8-79
27	Sae Fara	Socasa	Genr.Containers	25-8-79
28	Maldiva Trader	Barber	Barley in Bags	29-8-79
33	Dona Ropana	UEP	Genr.Pipes	26-8-79
34	Maldiva Trader	UEP	Barley in Bags	21-8-79
36	Thomas (D.B.)	S.M.C.	General	26-8-79
37	New Triumph	Goasol	Cement in Bags	22-8-79
38	Catherine	Barber	Hvy. Lme in Bags	20-8-79

2. RECENT ARRIVALS:				
Nedlloyd Rouen	Kanoo	Ro-Ro Containers		26-8-79
Margherita Maerak	Kanoo	General/Containers		26-8-79
Nagat Verde	Rapazet	Containers		26-8-79
Chong Suk	Reyevit	Containers		27-8-79
Golden Season	Grt	General		26-8-79
Arab Naid	Goasol	General		26-8-79
KRIK	Kanoo	Containers		26-8-79
Maldiva Trader	UEP	Barley in Bags		29-8-79

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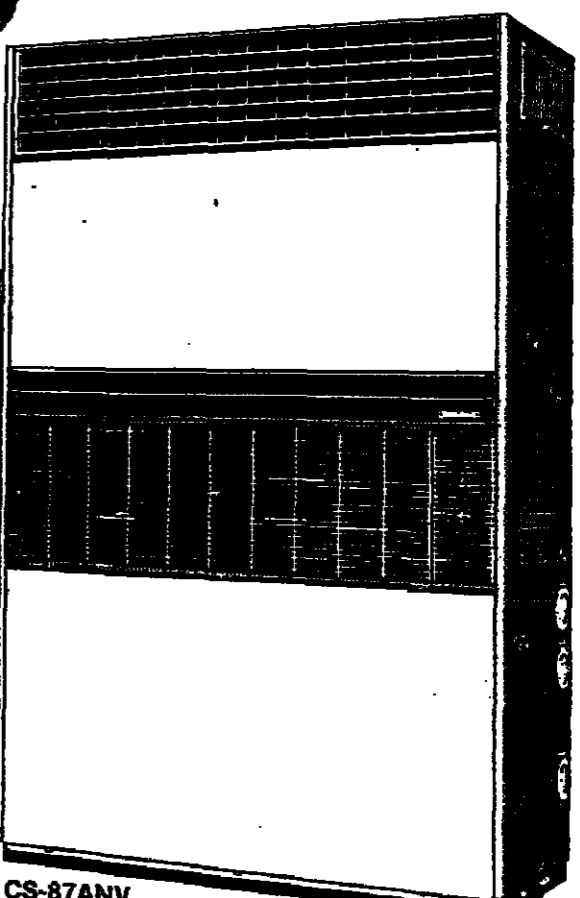
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WIZARD

HERES MY RESIGNATION. I'M QUITTING TO PURSUE MY DREAM, "THE GREAT AMERICAN NOVEL." YOU WERE JUST BEGINNING TO SHOW PROMISE ON THE 'OBITS'!

WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU, ACE...

CITY DESK

HOO-BOY! AT FIRST GLANCE IT LOOKS AS IF WE'VE LOST CONTROL OF THE ENERGY PROBLEM -

AT SECOND GLANCE TOO -

YOU'RE JUST IN TIME FOR THE EARLY BIRD SPECIAL.

YOU MEAN I CAN HAVE ANYTHING ON THE MENU FOR TWO BUCKS?

THAT'S RIGHT...THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM.

I WISH HE HADN'T SAID THAT!

WHEN YOU GET TO THAT BIG ARMY CAMP IN THE SKY YOU'LL BE SORRY YOU LOAFED, BEETLE!

BIG ARMY CAMP IN THE SKY?!

YOU NEVER TOLD ME!!

A TABLE FOR TWO

YES, SIR

HOW DID WE GET SUCH A GREAT TABLE?

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ALMS FOR THE POOR... ALMS FOR THE POOR

DO YOU HAVE A LICENSE TO BEG?

ALMS FOR A LICENSE TO BEG... ALMS FOR A LICENSE TO BEG

Dennis the Menace



"I hear you been through the mill... what do they DO there?"

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 River in Maine

3 "East of..."

4 Freshet

10 Harbor

11 Where the pope was born

12 Nasty kid

13 Unwilling

14 "Arabian Nights" bird

16 Anterior: prefix

17 Who? Fr.

18 Ablettes: vulnerable

20 Fat

21 Dam's mate

22 Well maintained

23 Make lace

24 Footlike part

25 A Garland co-star

27 Kane's Rosebud

28 Angered progenitor

32 Cage for hawks

33 Short of

34 Knightly title

35 M.D.'s command

37 Be rainy day

conscious

DOWN

2 He's "in stitches"

30 "East of..."

41 Camp out

1 Native-born Israeli

2 Airport section

3 Is in the driver's seat

4 Feed for Dobbin

5 Scam? death

6 Songwriter's topic

7 O'Neill drama

8 "Justine" author

9 Followed

12 God

16 January

18 Old

20 Guide

24 Have fun

25 Slink

26 Gladitorial settings

27 Range: scope

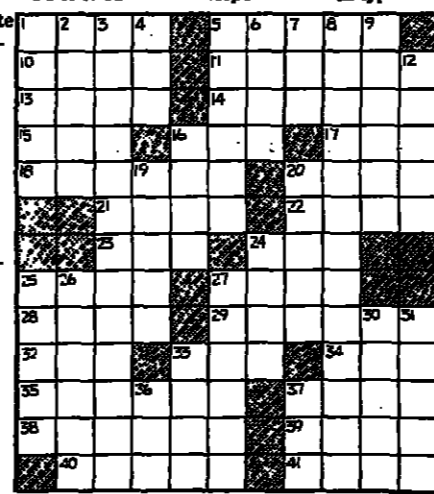
30 Dapper

31 London-born actor

32 Place for coins

35 Menu term

37 Arrange, as type



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXE
is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

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YUVITUMA: CUTUMA NXCRY
RU ZEUN - ZUIRFI

Believe It or Not!

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A HORSE THIEF



A BALLOON
CONSTRUCTED IN THE SHAPE OF A
DOLPHIN IN 1916, WAS DESIGNED
TO BE ROWN THROUGH THE SKY

Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 3 2
♥ 6
♦ A K 10 9 4
♣ 9 5 3

EAST
♠ J 10 8 6
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ 10 8 5
♣ 6 4

SOUTH
♠ K Q 7
♥ A K Q J 10 4
♦ 6 3 2
♣ J

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 2♠ 2♥ 2♠
4♥

Opening lead - king of clubs.

Yesterday we described a series of fine plays made by the young French star, Jean-Marc Roudinesco, who held the West hand. He led the king of clubs, shifted to a low spade, and when declarer won the spade and played the A-K-Q of trumps, he discarded the queen of diamonds.

Without this extraordinary discard, South would have made the contract easily. He would have led diamonds twice towards dummy and would have forced West to win either the first or second diamond lead with the queen.

But the declarer (South) was another young French star, Jean-Paul Meyer, who realized why Roudinesco had ditched the queen of diamonds. He saw that if he led a diamond and finessed the nine East would return a spade and the contract would go kerpunk.

Solo prevent this, declarer embarked on a course of play designed to "overcome" Roudinesco's imaginative defense. Meyer played three more rounds of trumps and then led a diamond to the king, producing this position:

Declarer next cashed the ace of diamonds and West found himself in a helpless position. South was now sure to make the contract.

If West discarded a spade, declarer would lead a spade and score his tenth trick with dummy's queen of clubs. And if West discarded a club - which is what he actually did - declarer would score his tenth trick by leading a club from dummy and discarding a diamond. Either way, South was sure to triumph.

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYERS TIMES

THURSDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:49	6:08	12:29	3:53	6:42	8:12
Medina	4:47	6:04	12:29	3:58	6:46	8:16
Nejd	4:18	5:39	12:00	3:26	6:15	7:45

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Childrens Show	Sesame St: 1165, Carolines Corner
5:50 Animal Secrets	Importance of mother
6:13 Gr. Sports Legends	Jack Kramer
6:34 Randall & Hopkirk	Somebody Just Walked Over my grave
7:22 Lifeline	Dr. Theodore Kurze
8:20 Theater of Stars	Runaway
9:06 Second Run	The Likely Lads

WEATHER

Clouds will cover the central, northern and western provinces and the western and southwestern highlands and might cause showers. Winds will blow southwesterly in the eastern, central and northern provinces at high speed during the day, raising sand. Sea conditions in territorial waters will be moderate to choppy.

Sunday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)	Mecca	Jeddah	Riyadh	Dhahran	Medina	Taif
	40	30	37	30	43	29
	40	30	37	30	43	29
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Afternoon Transmission	10:01 The Holy Quran
1:00 Opening	10:05 Message to the Faithful
1:01 The Holy Quran	10:10 Light Music
1:05 Gems of Guidance	10:15 NEWS
1:10 This Week's Landmark	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
1:20 Top of the Pops	10:30 Music Worldwide
1:50 Classical Music	11:00 Youth Welfare
2:20 On Islam	11:10 Music
2:30 Jazz Music	11:15 The Evening Show
3:00 NEWS	11:45 World of Guitar
3:10 Press Review	12:00 Imp., Com. & Recollections
3:20 Islam - THE Divine Truth	12:10 MUSIC
3:30 Leaps & Bounds	12:15 Nashville
3:40 MUSIC	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
3:50 Close Down	01:00 Close Down
Evening Transmission	
10:00 Opening	

VOA

P.M.	10:05 Opening: Analyses
8:00 News Roundup:	News Summary
Reports: Actualities:	10:30 VOC Magazine:
Opinion: Analyses	America: Science:
8:30 Dateline	Cultural: Letter
News Summary	11:00 Special English: News
9:00 Special English:	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
News: Feature: The	
Making of a Nation	
News Summary	
9:30 Music USA:	
(Standards)	
10:00 News Roundup:	
Reports: Actualities	

BBC

Morning Transmission

8:00 World News	4:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	4:30 The Pleasure of Yours
8:30 Sarah Ward	5:15 Report on Religion
8:45 World Today	6:00 Radio Newsreel
9:00 Newsdesk	6:15 Outlook
9:30 Opera Star	
10:00 World News	
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	
10:30 Sarah Ward	
10:45 Something to Show You	
11:00 World News	
11:09 Reflections	
11:15 Piano Style	
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	
12:00 World News	
12:09 British Press Review	
12:15 World Today	
12:30 Financial News	
12:40 Look Ahead	
12:45 The Tony Myatt	

Evening Transmission

1:15 Ulster in Focus	1:00 World News
1:30 Discovery	1:09 World Today
2:00 World News	1:25 Financial News
2:09 News about Britain	1:35 Book Choice
2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios	1:40 Reflections
2:30 Sports International	1:45 Sports Round-up
2:40 Radio Newsreel	
3:15 Promenade Concert	
3:45 Sports Round-up	
4:00 World News	
	2:00 World News
	2:09 Commentary
	2:15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Creative energy is high, but it may be difficult to concentrate on routine tasks. Report with loved ones adds to pleasure.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Capitalize on domestic opportunity. A romantic interest or child may be touchy about a personal matter. Rise above pettiness.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
You and a loved one could reach a happy decision, but don't be neglectful re relatives' feelings. You're at your best with words.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
You'll find ways to improve income, but you may be troubled about a work matter. Nervous tension may complicate job atmosphere.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Feelings of well-being mark your approach to life, but be careful not to overdo with spending, esp in connection with leisure activity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Keep your constructive ideas about a home matter to yourself, as some family members may not be in the mood to appreciate them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Good luck in connection with friends. However, you needn't get snooty about it. Don't be aloof when dealing with others' feelings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Career discussions will lead to financial gain, but meanwhile avoid a distance with a friend about money or possessions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
The ideas of close ones should be stimulating. Plans made now for travel will work out, but watch out for faux pas in career dealings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Business negotiations go smoothly, but inwardly you may be upset about the mood of someone at a distance. Go about your business.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Don't let happiness about smooth progress in a close relationship cause you to be neglectful of your friends. Watch finances.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Progress is made in connection with a work project, but you could run into someone with touchy feelings today. Close ones demand attention.

Though Connors had to work for win

U.S. Open favorites all through first round

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (AP) — Top-seeded Bjorn Borg and defending champions Jimmy Connors and Chris Evert Lloyd all posted first-round victories Tuesday in the U.S. Open tennis championships.

For Borg and Lloyd it was easy. Borg, the four-time Wimbledon champion who is trying for his first U.S. crown, downed Matt Mitchell 6-1, 6-1, 6-2. Lloyd, who is the top-seeded woman, beat Iris Riedel of West Germany 6-0, 6-0. Connors, who is seeded behind Borg, worked a little harder and beat India's Anand

Amritraj 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

Connors has not had much tough competition since losing to Borg in the Wimbledon semifinals two months ago and grunted and gasped as usual and seemed in good humor.

When he missed shots, he would begin to curse, but stop himself before he got to what might have been offensive words. Then he grinned mischievously at spectators.

Amritraj broke his service once in the second set and once in the third. He made the three-time open champion work, but there

was never much chance for an upset. Connors won the final game at love.

Perhaps the loss felt most by spectators was that of Pam Shriver, the 17-year-old who enchanted the crowds here last year with her happy, aggressive drive into the final, where she lost to Lloyd. Tuesday, though, obviously still bothered by tendonitis in her arm, she lost to little-known Julie Harrington, another American, 6-4, 6-1.

Shriver, a 6-footer with a big net gait, netted most of her volleys and was ineffective with her serve. In the second set, she scored more points on Harrington's serve than her own. Harrington played smart cross-court to stymie the 14th seed.

Shriver walked slowly away from the court, coach Don Candy's arm around her shaking shoulders.

While the youngster was losing, the grand dame of tennis, Billie

Jean King, was prospering. She beat American Zenda Liess 6-3, 7-5.

Earlier, Adriano Panatta, the former French and Italian Open champion who was seeded 15th, was upset by Kevin Curren 6-3, 7-5, 7-6. Curren, a South African who attended the University of Texas, was this year's NCAA tennis champion.

In other matches involving seeded players, No. Four Vitas Gerulaitis downed Australian Mark Edmondson 6-3, 6-2, 7-5; the women's No. Four, Virginia Wade, beat American Paula Smith 6-3, 6-3; and No. Six Dianne Fromholtz defeated fellow Australian Diane Evers 6-3, 6-2.

Lloyd, who stands to win a record fifth consecutive women's title here, took just 45 minutes to out Riedel. The champion was not pleased with having to fight a workout. "The more I'm pressed, the better off I am in the later

rounds," she said. "When the matches are easy, it's hard for me to know how well I'm playing."

Panatta wore a pained expression for much of the afternoon. Curren pounded him with his big service and with whipping shots all over the court.

Curren hits many of his shots double-fisted.

Pro Tennis

BROOKLINE, Massachusetts, Aug. 29 (AP) — The doubles team of Heinz Gunthardt of Switzerland and Pavel Slozil of Czechoslovakia finally won the title Tuesday after completing the rain-delayed finals at the U.S. Pro tennis championships at Longwood.

Gunthardt and Slozil downed the team of Syd Ball and Kim Warwick of Australia 7-7, 7-6.

The match was halted late Monday night with the winners ahead 7-6 and 2-0 in the second game. It took 45 minutes to complete Tuesday.



FENCERS: Poland's Leszek Swonowski bounces off Philippe Riboud of France during the final of the World Epee Championship at Monash University, Melbourne, recently.

Soviets take freestyle in world wrestling meet

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 29 (AP) — Led by Vladimir Yumin, who won his fourth straight world title, the Soviet Union captured the freestyle competition of the World Wrestling Championships Tuesday night, winning six of the 10 events.

Scoring victories in 34 of 37 matches, the Soviets easily out-pointed runner up United States, 50-35, and had a 9-7 medal advantage over the Americans, who turned in their best international wrestling effort yet.

Yumin, the 1976 Olympic champion and two-time title holder at 57 kilos was one of four defending champions who repeated.

Yumin won the gold medal in the 62 kilo competition for the second year in a row, despite a 6-3 loss to Bulgaria's Micho Dukov. Yumin won five of six matches while Dukov won four of five.

American Andre Metzger settled for the silver at 62 kilos, while Dukov won the bronze.

Lee Kemp, the only American winner, became the first U.S. wrestler to repeat since 1972, when Olympic champion Dan Gable won two straight.

Kemp, 23, rallied with six straight points for a 6-2 victory over 19-year-old Martin Knosp of West Germany in the 74 kilos bracket.

The Soviets finished with six gold medals, one silver and two bronze, while the U.S. had one gold, four silver and two bronze. East Germany finished third, edging Japan by 1½ points.

Other repeat champions were Hide Kitomiya, at 57 kilos and Sergey Korolyayev of the Soviet Union at 48 kilos.

Japan's Huiji Takada, scoring his fifth world championship in six years, won the gold at 52 kilos.

Russia's Sergey Beloglazov turned in the most points in the least time, with four in a total of 10:33. Knosp recorded the fastest pin, at 19 seconds.

Jim Haines, a teammate with Kemp at the University of Wisconsin, won a silver medal Tuesday night with a 12-7 victory over East Germany's Hartmut Reich at 52 kilos.

The Soviets swept the heavyweight events, with Khasan Ortuev winning the 90 kilo class, and Salman Chasimikov the unlimited.

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From Jeddah to Istanbul Of taxis and tea

By Michael J. Hall

This is a column in defense of cab drivers. Well, sort of. Jeddah's much-maligned taxi drivers are easy targets — too easy — and it's time someone stood up to tell their side of the story.

The fees they charge alone are enough to prompt endless conversations. The way they drive — as if any major boulevard were an extension of the Daytona Speedway, and any minor street an excuse to practice turning a la Monte Carlo — also serves to endear them. Their trick of picking up two customers heading in opposite directions is also a cute one. And they can be rude, surly and whining — especially when it comes to their self-proclaimed poverty and claims that just five more riyals will be the difference between food and starvation.

Privately, some of them admit, taxi driving in Jeddah can be a most profitable profession. One told me the other day he clears an easy 300 riyals a day, and that he has serious doubts that he'll give up the business when he graduates from college next year.

But enough of that. I said at the start that this is supposed to be a column in defense of Jeddah cabbies. Admittedly it's hard to know where to begin.

Actually, most of the cabbies are good people. They just require appreciation. Once you know that fixing the price in advance of a trip is an absolute must, you shouldn't have any problems.

And if you actually try to strike up a conversation — as a foreigner — you'll find them eager to talk; to tell you where they come from; how long they've been in Jeddah; how long they've been driving; and more serious topics like the weather and the progress of the Eritrean war in Ethiopia.

I've had conversations on all these topics and more, as the drivers try their fractured (or sometimes very accomplished) English on me and I respond in broken Arabic.

I've talked to students back from universities in the United States driving to pick up money to go back and resume their education, engineering students from King Abdul Aziz University who want to tell me about the latest developments in their arcane fields, and even a high school student who was helping his family save enough money to buy a house in Jeddah.

You can be as silent as the grave as you ride along, or you can open up during the five or ten minutes you share their ride. Opening up is better: you might even learn something.

And if you ask really nicely, I've found, they'll even slow down the speed at which they're used to driving. That way you can actually see the sights, instead of one big blur from that way to there.

The weekly grab-bag this Thursday brings us a report from Bahrain that makes me think folks there must not have heard that Skylab came tumbling down two months ago.

A report quotes eyewitnesses as saying they saw an unidentified cylindrical object come floating down from the sky last week, only to explode in a shower of flame before their eyes.

It was the second report this year of unidentified flying objects over Manama. The Kuwait Institute of Science is said to be investigating the sighting, which was confirmed by a number of witnesses.

And before I say anything more on the topic of UFO's, I'd better remind myself that many people — including some here at Arab News — take such sightings right seriously.

There's also the story of the poor Italian tourist who got to the Istanbul airport last week only to find that they wouldn't change his money.

Ricardo Castelli had just finished his holiday in Turkey and was about to board the flight home to Rome when he paused to change 20,000 Turkish lira back into Italian Lire.

But the exchange counter at the airport refused to make the deal — for unexplained reasons — and Castelli was faced with the problem of how to spend \$400 in a big hurry.

Being a man of obvious panache, Castelli decided to go out in a big way. He took the money and distributed it among grateful and surprised employees of the airport.

The story from Istanbul didn't go into the incident at length, but it's a safe bet the man at the exchange counter wasn't among the recipients of Castelli's largesse.

Finally, comes news of the great war for the hearts and minds of the British people over which is the more suitable beverage — traditional tea or the upstart coffee.

The war began last week with articles in rival London papers pointing up the advantages of drinking each, supported by a wealth of statistics from proponents of the two beverages.

Tea, it was claimed, is still the preferred drink of Englishmen and women. Coffee, the rivals said, is fast overtaking it in popularity.

Tea merchants and coffee wholesalers got into the act, each providing more ammunition for their respective sides. The war shows little sign of abating, and we're told each side will issue new statistics later this week to buttress its case.

We'll await them with anticipation. In the meantime, all this writing has made me thirsty. I think I'll have a cup of coffee...tea...er, ah...I'd better settle for a Pepsi.

In wake of Mountbatten death Thatcher visits Northern Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Aug. 29 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher paid a surprise visit to Northern Ireland Wednesday for talks with local security chiefs.

It was Mrs. Thatcher's first visit to the embattled province as prime minister, and it came as both the London and Dublin cabinets met to work out plans for tightening security on both sides of the border following Monday's bombings in which 23 people — including Lord Mountbatten and 18 British soldiers — died.

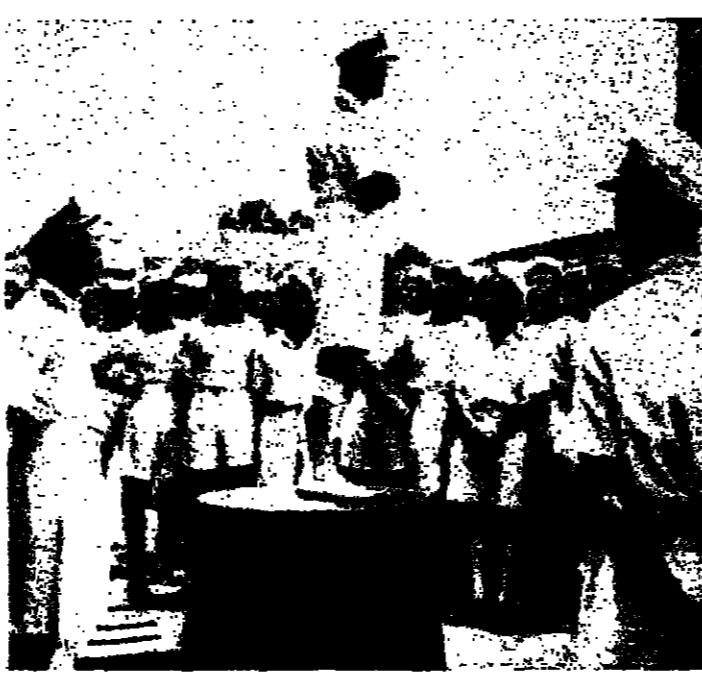
So far, however, there have been no plans for an early meeting between British and Irish leaders although Irish ministers attend Mountbatten's Westminster Abbey state funeral next Wednesday Mrs. Thatcher may meet them.

Mrs. Thatcher's first call was to a Belfast hospital to talk to injured soldiers. Then accompanied by Northern Ireland Secretary Humphrey Atkins, she was scheduled to meet local Belfast community leaders, both Catholic and Protestant, and army and police chiefs.

She was expected to return to London Wednesday evening.

The tightening of security was being made even more urgent following a revenge threat from the Ulster Freedom Fighters, a para-military outlawed Protestant organization. Shortly after the threat was made, a Catholic named Patrick John Hardy was gunned down and killed outside his Belfast home.

Eighteen soldiers and a civilian died in Northern Ireland Monday in a massive bombing ambush shortly after a remote-controlled bomb had blown up Lord Mount-



WITH TROOPS: Lord Louis Mountbatten shows talking with English sailors during a tour as Supreme Allied Commander in Southeast Asia just before the end of World War II. He was assassinated Monday.

batten and members of his family on a vacation boating trip just inside the Republic. Mountbatten, his 14-year-old grandson Nicholas and local teenager Paul Maxwell were killed instantly, and the daughter Lady Brabourne, his daughter's mother-in-law, died later in a hospital.

There was strict secrecy over when Mountbatten's body would be flown to London for its Abbey funeral. At first it was thought the body would be brought back by PAF plane Wednesday, but Buckingham Palace then said it was not expected until later this week.



TIGHT SECURITY: Soviet ballerina Ludmilla Vlasova is shown being escorted by Soviet officials last Friday night to the plane which was to take her back to Russia. Its takeoff was delayed three days while U.S. officials sought to determine if she was going back against her will after her husband defected to the West.

Wife back in Russia

Soviets claim dancer 'pressured' by U.S.

MOSCOW, Aug. 29 (R) — Bolshoi ballet dancer Alexander Godunov is being held in the United States, a Soviet newspaper said Wednesday.

The weekly *Literary Gazette*, organ of the writers union, giving Soviet readers the first official explanation of why the 29-year-old dancer stayed in the United States, charged that he had been subjected to enticement and psychological pressures.

Godunov's wife, Ludmilla Vlasova, flew back to Moscow Tuesday after a three-day diplomatic wrangle at New York's Kennedy Airport which has brought outraged commentaries in the Soviet press about the American handling of the affair.

Iona Andronov, writing for the *Literary Gazette* from New York, said anti-Soviet elements had pursued Godunov around New York, trying to persuade him to quit the Bolshoi company and remain in the U.S.

"Everywhere a whole team of instigators literally besieged him, offering him mountains of gold... This bait evidently failed to have the required effect."

"Then the fishers of human souls decided to strike at his mind, launching dirty slanders in the American press about his wife in order to alienate her husband from her and break him mentally," Andronov said.

"His base trap unfortunately succeeded on Aug. 23 Godunov disappeared without saying a word to his wife Ludmilla Vlasova."

"Now if one is to believe the local press, he is being held under supervision at a secret place. From there all that has leaked out to the press in the name of the prisoner has been a short, confusing statement in the name of the prisoner beginning with the words, 'I am in a state of total shock and extreme terror'."

Literary Gazette quoted Miss Vlasova as saying that after her husband disappeared she felt herself to be in danger and was followed by unknown men in a car.

"Although I was very worried about my husband I decided to come home straight away on the first Aeroflot plane," Miss Vlasova was quoted as saying. She said that before she boarded the plane she showed her ticket and her passport to U.S. authorities who raised no objections.

Literary Gazette described the U.S. action as piracy and said the "crude anti-Soviet provocation" was set up to harm relations between Moscow and Washington.

Peru takes step toward return to civilian rule

LIMA, Peru, Aug. 29 (AP) — The military government's commitment to return Peru to civilian rule was bolstered Tuesday by the publication of election regulations for choosing a president and national congress on May 18, 1980.

The regulations gave the national Election Court complete independence and responsibility for holding the elections and counting the votes.

The regulations complied with election procedures established in the new constitution, written and approved this year by the 100-member elected Constituent

The IRA which wants to drive the British from Northern Ireland and unite it with the mainly Catholic Republic, apparently mounted a new attack Tuesday in Brussels, Belgium. A stage where a British army band was about to perform was bombed, injuring 11 spectators and four bandmen.

Belgian authorities said the IRA claimed responsibility in a telephone call.

Two Northern Ireland Protestant lawmakers travelled to London Tuesday to urge Mrs. Thatcher to boycott a scheduled November summit of European leaders in Dublin unless the Irish government agrees to extradite what they termed "known murderers."

Fears of a Protestant backlash were underlined when another Protestant movement, the Ulster Defense Association, said it would be "compelled to take the law into its own hands" unless Britain took strong action against the IRA.

Protestants here have long complained that Britain, anxious to find a power-sharing political solution in this Protestant-dominated province, is "soft" with the IRA.

In Sligo, a hospital spokesman said Lord Mountbatten's daughter, Lady Patricia Brabourne, who was seriously hurt in the boat blast, was off the critical list. The other injured, her husband and surviving twin son, Timothy, were in satisfactory condition, the spokesman said.

The Queen, deeply grieved at the death of Mountbatten, whom she knew as "Uncle Dickie," remained in her Scottish holiday home, Balmoral. Reinforced army patrols were sent to the 11,000-acre estate.

The Queen's husband, Prince Philip, looking sombre and wearing a black tie, returned to Britain from France. Her eldest Prince Charles, also arrived back Tuesday after cutting short a holiday in Iceland.

The royal family have cancelled their traditional attendance at the annual Highland Games in Braemar, Scotland, this weekend.

Heading for Martinique

Caribbean bracing for hurricane

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Aug. 29 (AP) — Fury-packed Hurricane David skirted past Barbados early Wednesday and took aim on the islands of Martinique and Dominica, 350 miles south-east of Puerto Rico.

The U.S. National Weather Service in San Juan reported at 6 a.m. that David, one of the most dangerous storms ever to threaten the tiny islands of the Lesser Antilles, was about 35 miles east-southeast of Martinique, moving northwestward at about 14 miles per hour.

The "intense" Hurricane, with winds clocked at 140 mph, had slowed somewhat overnight and veered slightly north. It was expected to hit the northern tip of the French island of Martinique late Wednesday morning, or the 30-mile-wide channel that separates it from the independent island nation of Dominica.

Tourist-crowded Barbados was lashed by gale winds and heavy rains late Tuesday and early Wednesday but the main body of the storm passed well to the north, and there were no reports of casualties or serious damage. Martinique residents reported by telephone that heavy wind-whipped rain had been falling since the early morning hours.

The weather service said the hurricane was expected to maintain its current speed and direction for 24 hours more. That would put it just south of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands by Thursday morning. Forecasters said it was still too early to tell whether David would reach the United States.

A hurricane warning also was posted for the French island of Guadeloupe, north of Dominica. Warnings were discontinued for the islands of St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, as well as Barbados. All are in the Lesser Antilles the island chain curving south from Puerto Rico to the north coast of South America.

Nationalists on tightrope as S. Africans begin vote

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 29 (R) — Whites voted Wednesday in two parliamentary by-elections which will test the strength of Premier Pieter Botha's ruling National Party (NP) on both the right and left wings.

Though weakened by the "slush fund" scandal and internal feuding, the party is expected to retain both seats, at Johannesburg East and at Koedoespoort, Pretoria.


In Johannesburg West, the opposition Progressive Federal Party (PFP) is hoping to erode the 5,749-vote majority with which the NP held the seat in the 1977 general election.

It is a straight fight between

Attorney Roelf Meyer for the NP and Peter Soal, of the liberal-leaning PFP. The seat was held by ex-rugby star Dawie de Villiers, now South Africa's ambassador to Britain.

Political sources say the NP is worried about the by-election in Koedoespoort, where in another straight fight, the NP faces the extreme right-wing, Heresgo Nasionale Party (HNP) candidate, Jaap Marais. He is challenging Sybrand van Niekirk, the former administration of Transvaal.

Latest predictions Wednesday were that the HNP would dramatically increase the 851 votes it polled in 1977.




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